HARBOROUGH

Charities

AND

Donations.

A

COLLECTION

OF THE

Charities and Donations,

GIVEN FOR ANY

RELIGIOUS or other PUBLIC USE

TO THE TOWN OF

MARKET-HARBOROUGH

In the COUNTY of LEICESTER.

To which is added

The DECREE iſſued out of the HIGH COURT of CHANCERY, 13th. of CHARLES I. confirming the PROPRIETORS of certain ancient COTTAGES in HARBOROUGH in their RIGHT of COMMONS, ACRE-HADES, &c. in the COMMON FIELDS of GREAT-BOWDEN.

The whole compiled from the PARISH-REGISTERS, DECREES, WILLS, OLD-FEOFFMENTS, TERRIERS, TOWN-BOOKS, and other AUTHENTIC RECORDS,

And interſperſed

With ſome Occaſional and Incidental REMARKS.

By ROWLAND ROUSE.

Remember the Words of the LORD JESUS, how he ſaid, Diſtribute unto the Poor, [whom] ye have always with you, and thou ſhalt have treaſure in Heaven. [and]

It is more bleſſed to give than to receive.

ACTS, xx, 35. LUKE, xviii, 22. MATTHEW, xxvi, 11.

MARKET-HARBOROUGH:

Printed by WILLIAM HARROD, MDCCLXVIII.

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MARKET-HARBOROUGH, Nov. 23, 1767.

WE, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcrib'd, being of Opinion and firmly perſuaded that THE COLLECTION OF CHARITIES, AND DONATIONS, belonging to this Town, made by Mr. ROWLAND ROUSE, would be very ſerviceable to the Inhabitants in general, and to the Pariſh-Officers in particular, if the ſame was made public,

DO HEREBY REQUEST

The ſaid Mr. ROWLAND ROUSE forthwith to print and publiſh the above-mentioned COLLECTION of CHARITIES, &c. in the Form and Manner mentioned in the Propoſals (bearing Date January 26, 1765) for printing the ſame by Subſcription.

Rich. Farrer
C. Walker
Maunſell Hill
John Farrer
W. Wartnaby
Edm. French
St. Addington
Sam. Rouſe
Will. Clowes
J. Goodhall
Marſhall Allen
Tho. Coleman
Joſ. Inkerſole
John Aſtell
J. Benton
Tho. Goodwin
Cal. Ratten
Moſes Berry
Joſeph Thornton
Samuel Turner
James Chater
Rich. Farrer *Jun.*
Benj. Hewſon
Will. Dickins
Tho. Packwood
John Ruſſell
Tho. Ruſſell
Wm. Hubbard
Wm. Timſon
Benjamin Ruſſell
Joſ. Ridings
Watts Buſwell
Anthony Compere
John Braſield
John Gibſon
Tho. Ratten
Dennis Clark
James Johnſon
Edw. Morris
Matt. Chater
Tho. Hallick
John Burch
Will. Harrod
Tho. Butcher
John Hall
Ambroſe Platt
Jo. Weſt
Matt. Harriſon
Sam. Luff
Lebbeus Lewin
Edw. Parker
Tho. Burton
John Spence
Wm. Walker
Tim. Boſworth
John Smith
John Mutton
John White
Tho. Woodcock
Titus Boſworth
Holmes Timſon
J. Waterfield *ſen.*
Joſeph Katterns
Charles Burditt
Will. Glover *ſen.*
Rob. Criſp
David Oſwin
Holmes Timſon *Jun.*
Tho. Webb
Tho. Oram

Advertiſement.

THE Publication of this Book hath been delayed ſo long beyond my own expectation, and that of my Friends, that it may ſeem neceſſary to introduce it with an Apology for that Delay. But it would be tedious to enumerate the variety of Circumſtances which have concurred to occaſion it; which, however, gave me an Opportunity of making ſome material Additions to what was at firſt prepared and promiſed. If thoſe Additions ſhould render this Work more uſeful and acceptable to the Purchaſers, it will afford abundant Satisfaction to the Compiler

ROWLAND ROUSE.

ERRATA.

Page 5, l. 9, *read* commiſſioners, and on &c. Between the 14 and 27 pag. whenever the names of William Clowes, Thomas Goodwin, or Caleb Ratten occur, add to each of them *party hereto.* Page 20, l. 26. *for*, with any part, *read*, with all, or with any part. Page 33, for *Harp* read *Harper*. Page 40, l. 6. for *Coop* read *Cooper*. Page 61, laſt line for *widow*; read *widow*, Page 69, l. 2, read *to be revered*. Page 110, No. 17 and 18 are tranſpoſed. Add to No. 17. *in the year* 1752. Pag. 81. and 84. l. 5 from the Bottom in each Page after *eſtabliſhed* read (*which God forbid*)

The *Literal Errors*, it is hoped, will be excuſed by the *Candid Readers*.

TO

THE INHABITANTS

OF

MARKET-HARBOROUGH

IN GENERAL;

BUT MORE PARTICULARLY TO

SUCH OF THE INHABITANTS AND OTHERS

WHO ENCOURAGED IT BY THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS,

AND AT WHOSE REQUEST IT WAS PUBLISHED,

THIS COLLECTION,

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,

IS INSCRIBED,

BY

THEIR VERY HUMBLE SERVANT,

ROWLAND ROUSE.

☞ The following Note † ſhould have been inſerted at the End of Mr. SMYTH's Charities. Page 86.

† It being inconvenient for the Inhabitants to reſort to the Chapel on Market-days, and as very few of them could be preſent to hear the *Tueſday-Lecture*, which was frequently interrupted by the Market-People paſſing through the Chapel, and ſometimes was attended alſo with Indecorum and Confuſion, it has, for theſe Reaſons, been diſcontinued upwards of SIXTY Years; and in Lieu thereof, the Miniſters have conſtantly read Prayers on Wedneſdays, Fridays, and Holy-days.

PREFACE.

THE common, but juſt obſervation that *in moſt Pariſhes the Inhabitants in general have but a very imperfect knowledge of the Charitable Endowments, &c. belonging to them*, firſt induced me to collect, at my leiſure hours, the materials of the following Sheets for my own private ſatisfaction; and the ſeveral authentic Inſtruments, I have been permitted to inſpect, have at length enabled me to complete my deſign. Theſe Originals were diſperſed in various places, ſome of them had lain ſo long in *Obſcurity*, that I may venture to ſay, moſt of the Inhabitants of this Town

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were ignorant of the very names of ſeveral of our Benefactors, and the good Deeds they have done for us; and I have too much reaſon to fear, that every memorial of ſome of our Charities are irretrievably loſt; ---Many were in ſuch an obſolete dreſs as to be almoſt unintelligible; --- Others were ſcarce legible,--And others again lay hid amidſt a great number of uſeleſs writings; ſo that the Reader cannot readily imagine the Pains it coſt me to collect, methodize, and prepare them for the Preſs. And

When I had proceeded pretty far, I was ſolicited by ſome Neighbours who had ſeen, and by others who had heard of this Collection, to print an Edition of it by a Subſcription which they would undertake to raiſe; aſſuring me at the ſame time that it would be very acceptable to moſt of our Inhabitants. * I, for ſome time, heſitated to comply with

* See the Requeſt of the Inhabitants to the Compiler

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their Requeſt; but conſidering that it would be look'd upon as a Compilation or Collection only, I was then inclined to lay my Labours before them; prevailed upon by a deſire of contributing all in my power to revive and perpetuate the memories of the pious Donors of the Charities herein mentioned "*Merciful Men* [and Women] *whoſe Righteouſneſs ſhould not be forgotten by us.*" † I had further a view of being ſerviceable to the Inhabitants, by giving them an opportunity of furniſhing themſelves with the moſt complete, and indeed the only Collection of the Charities, &c. belonging to this Town.

THROUGH the whole I have given the ſeveral *Deeds* and *Inſtruments* at large and *Extracts* without comment or inference in the ſame expreſſive language in which I found them in the Pariſh-Regiſters and other undeniable vouchers, which were diligently ſought

† Eccleſiaſticus, xliv, *v.* 10.

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after and peruſed for this purpoſe. And tho' our modern method of ſpelling is adopted, as being thought more generally uſeful; yet in every other reſpect the *very Words* of the Originals are ſtrictly adher'd to. I do not doubt but thoſe, for whoſe uſe and at whoſe deſire this Collection was publiſhed, will allow this to be the moſt proper method of preſerving the clear and true ſenſe of them.

IN the *Notes* the Readers will meet with ſome few Articles which do not *immediately* belong to the Subject of Charities, &c. but as moſt of them are connected with, and ſerve to elucidate the main Subject, and the reſt being *curious Pieces* and particularly relating to this Town, I thought they would not be unacceptable to *them*. And I am perſuaded that the *Appendix* which contains the *Decree* confirming to many of our Inhabitants their Right of Common, Acre-hades, &c. in the Fields of Great-Bowden will be eſteemed

ſteemed a valuable Acquiſition, by thoſe, at leaſt, who are immediately concerned in it.

IN Defence of this method of publiſhing accounts of Charities it may be obſerved, that it is annually practiſed not only by the *Two Societies* inſtituted for the *Benevolent Purpoſes of propagating the Goſpel in foreign Parts*, and *for promoting Chriſtian Knowledge*, but by many other *Charitable Inſtitutions* in *London*, and different parts of the Kingdom. We have an Inſtance in point at *Coventry*. Some years ago their Charities, *&c.* were by ſome great neglects and connivances perverted, alienated, and thrown into Confuſion, from which they were recovered, regulated, and clearly ſtated by an *expenſive* tho' neceſſary courſe of Law. After this, it was thought expedient to print an Account at large *of the ſeveral Loans, Benefactions and Charities belonging to that City*, which was publiſhed in Octavo in the Year 1733, and was ſo well received

and eſteemed ſo uſeful for preventing future diſorder, that the *Impreſſion* was ſold off in a ſhort time, and the Book is now very ſcarce. †

† I here briefly note ſome other Inſtances.

At *Clipſton* in Northamptonſhire. *A Copy of the Will of Sir George Buſwell, Baronet,* (who left an Eſtate to found and endow *A Free-School* and *an Hoſpital*, and to uphold a very uſeful *Benefaction* to that and other Towns) was printed and diſperſed amongſt the ſeveral Inhabitants a few years ſince.

The *Charter of Romney-Marſh* was printed in 1686, and that of the *Trinity-Houſe* in Deptford in 1715.

The *Will* of Mr. *Thomas Guy*, who founded and very liberally, nay almoſt profuſely, endowed the *Hoſpital* for the Relief and Maintenance of *Poor ſick People* in the Borough of *Southwark* was printed and ſold in 1725.

A *Regiſter* of the *Benefactors* to the City of *Exeter*, or County of *Devon*, was publiſhed in Octavo by Mr. *Izacke* in 1737.

An *Account* of the *Donations* to the Pariſh of *Newark-upon-Trent* was printed in Quarto in 1748.

A further *Account* of the ſame with ſome Remarks annexed to a *Diſcourſe* againſt the Miſapplication of public Charities was publiſhed in Quarto by *Bernard Wilſon*, D. D. Vicar of Newark in 1768.

In 1751 were printed in Quarto *Extracts of Wills*, and *Copies of Deeds* relating to the *Charities* of the Town of *Nottingham* by *Charles Deering*, M. D.

The *Deed of Truſt* and *Will* of *Richard Rawlinſon*, D. D. of St. John's College, *Oxford* (containing his Endowment of *an Anglo-Saxon Lecture*, and other *Benefactions*

IT was very well obſerved by an *Anonymous Author* ‡ on the application of the Profits ariſing from *Charity-Eſtates* that 'The Statutes of Mortmain are by 'no means a ſufficient protection of 'the good intention of the Donor. That 'of 9 *Geo.* II. (which is the laſt, and 'tends to the diſcovery of, or making 'Charitable Truſts more public) directs 'inrolling of Deeds concerning lands, '&c. granted or given to charitable u-'ſes; but reſpects ſuch only as have 'been, or ſhall be given or granted ſub-'ſequent to this Act, and not thoſe prior 'to it.' And that 'Commiſſions of cha-'ritable uſes, by virtue of the Statute 'of 43d. of *Eliz.* ſeldom iſſue, and Bills 'in the name of the Attorney-General 'are rarely brought to enquire into, 'rectify and correct abuſes in Charities;

nefactions to that *College* and *Univerſity*) were printed in 1755.

And many more Inſtances might be enumerated which are omitted for want of Room.

‡ *An Anonymous Author*] In Lloyd's Evening-Poſt, Vol. XII. page 298, March 28th. 1763.

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'and no wonder while thoſe remedies, 'as well as others, by our laws, are at-'tended with ſuch vaſt expence.' Therefore 'Charitable Truſts cannot be 'made too public, nor the proceedings 'of thoſe who are intruſted, as by thoſe 'means, if any, men will be fearful of 'perverting their Truſts, when the eyes 'of a whole pariſh, if they are not wil-'lingly ſhut, may be upon them, and, 'as it were a rudder, if I may be allow-'ed the expreſſion, to make them ſteer 'right. The Donor did not intend we 'ſhould put his *Candle under a Buſhel.*

I beg leave to aſſure the Subſcribers that it has been my earneſt Endeavour to make this Collection as complete as the Nature of ſuch a Performance would admit; and that nothing has been ſpared which might render it acceptable to them both with Reſpect to it's *Contents* and *Form.*

HARBOROUGH, Aſcenſion-day, 1768. } ROWLAND ROUSE.

A

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Charities and Donations.

The Poor ſhall never ceaſe out of the land; therefore I [*the* LORD] *command thee, ſaying, Thou ſhalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor and to thy needy, in thy land. Thou ſhalt ſurely give him, and thine heart ſhall not be grieved when thou giveſt unto him: becauſe that for this thing the* LORD *thy* GOD *ſhall bleſs thee in all thy works, and in all that thou putteſt thine hand unto.* DEUTERONOMY, CHAP. XV. 11. 10.

MRS. Jane Saunderſon's CHARITY.

THIS charitable Endowment, commonly diſtinguiſhed by the name of the TOWN ESTATE, claims the precedence in this Collection, not only as being reputed the moſt ancient, but alſo on account of its being indiſputably the moſt conſiderable charity belonging to this Town

From a paper drawn up during the diſputes preſently to be mentioned, entitled, "A caſe concerning Lands given to charitable uſes in Market-Harborough, Leiceſterſhire." we are informed that there was amongſt the Deeds, which concern this charity, a Will of a very ancient date * of one **Jane Saunderſon**, widow; whereby, after ſeveral previous limitations thereof made, ſhe gives all her lands and tenements in *Harborough* and *Great-Bowden*, for and towards the maintenance and repair of the bridges and highways of *Harborough* and for the eaſe of the poor in paying *Fifteenths*, † ſubject to this condition that when the Feoffees were reduced to the number of THREE, that then ſuch three ſurviving Feoffees, ſhould make a new Feoffment of the premiſes to ten or more inhabitants of Harborough to be choſen by the majority of the inhabitants there, upon the ſame truſts; and ſo in like manner ſucceſſively for ever.

In the year 1713, a diſpute ariſing about the new election of Feoffees, &c. of this charity eſtate, a

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* *Ancient date*] "In the year 1652 a commiſſion for the enquiring after the miſemployment of Lands given to charitable uſes is taken out for Leiceſterſhire, and (amongſt other things) the employment of the lands in queſtion comes before the commiſſioners.—The inquiſition upon which the orders and decrees of theſe commiſſioners are founded ſets forth, that the lands in queſtion had been, *time out of mind*, veſted and ſettled in Feoffees for the uſes and purpoſes therein particularly mentioned."—From a caſe concerning lands, ut ſupra.

Theſe Commiſſioners were Sir W. Halford, Knight, Richard Roberts John Jeremiah Dove, Roger Roe, Roger Smith, Eſqrs. Deed of Feoffment dated 22 April, 1661.

† *Fifteenths*,] was an ancient tribute, or impoſition of money laid on every town, according to the land or circuit belonging to it. But in after times the *Fifteenth* came to be underſtood as impoſed only on goods and chattels, not on lands.—It was firſt granted.

ſuit of Chancery commenced, which continued till 1731: during which time ſeveral orders and decrees were iſſued by that honourable court, and in concluſion, the choice of Feoffees and the application of the ſurplus money were finally ſettled by the following

Decree,

LORD CHANCELLOR * *Lunæ decimo ſeptimo die Januarii, anno regni Georgii Secundi Regis quinto, inter Daniel Bayes, Caleb Ratten et Henricum Clarke exceptes Joſephi Fleming ſurviven. reſpondentem.*

WHEREAS a commiſſion of charitable uſes iſſued out of this Court directed to certain commiſſioners therein named.

And Whereas by an inquiſition indented taken thereupon at Church-Langton, in the county of Leiceſter, the eighteenth day of January 1713, before Sir Richard Halford, baronet and others, commiſſioners, it was found that divers meſſuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments in Market-Harborough and Great-Bowden in the county of Leiceſter, of the

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ed by parliament, 18 *Edward* I. 1290. The way of collecting it was by two aſſeſſors appointed in every county by the King, who appointed twelve more in every hundred to make a true valuation of every man's perſonal eſtate upon which the fifteenth part was levied. CHAMBERS's DICT. See alſo CUNNINGHAM's LAW DICT.

N. Tindal in his notes upon *Rapin's* Hiſtory of England, Vol. I. p. 359 tells us from Ann. Wavert. p. 230, 231, that about the 18th of October, 1275, a Parliament met which granted the King a Fifteenth upon the laity. 3d *Edward* I.

* The right honourable Peter King, Lord King, and Baron of Ockham, in the county of Surry, was Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain at that time.

yearly value of one hundred and eighteen pounds, eighteen ſhillings and four pence, were given by ſome charitable perſon, or perſons for and towards the maintaining and repairing the bridges and highways in Harborough aforeſaid, or near adjoining to the ſame, ſo far as the inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid were liable to repair, or contributary to, and no farther; and for and towards the relief of the poor in Harborough aforeſaid.*

AND WHEREAS on the fourth day of February, one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirteen, a decree was thereupon made by Sir Jeffery Palmer, baronet, and others, the commiſſioners therein named, whereby (inter alia) it was decreed, that the ſaid lands ſhould be veſted in certain feoffees therein named and their heirs; and that the then ſurviving feoffees of the ſaid charity ſhou d execute conveyances of the premiſes to new feoffees therein named; and that the charges of the commiſſion, and proceedings thereupon, and the obtaining of the ſaid decree ſhould be paid to Mr. Thomas Peach, (who had been at the charge of the ſaid commiſſion and proceedings) by the receiver or townſman, by and out of the firſt rents and profits of the premiſes; and that the feoffees or truſtees for the time being ſhould for ever hereafter yearly meet at the chapel of Harborough aforeſaid, upon monday in Whitſon-week, when and where there ſhould (by the feoffees or truſtees then preſent or the major par of them) be yearly named and appointed a perſon living in Harborough, who ſhould be called a townſman,† who

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* See the recital of the Donor's Will in page 2d.

† *Townsman*) It appears from the Deed of Feoffment dated June 24th. 1730, that there uſed to be two officers called Townsmen appointed to collect and receive the rents and profits of this Charity Eſtate.

ſhould receive and collect the rents and profits of the premiſes, for the year then next enſuing, and ſhould apply and diſpoſe of the ſame for and towards the performance of the charitable intent of the donor in the ſaid inquiſition mentioned.

AND Whereas the ſaid exceptants and others, (ſince deceas'd) inhabitants of the ſaid town of Harborough, having taken exceptions to ſuch decree of the ſaid commiſſioners on the hearing the ſaid exceptions § in this court before the Lord chancellor Cowper, the twentieth day of February one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, a decree was made, whereby it was ordered, That new feoffees ſhould be choſen by the moſt ſubſtantial inhabitants of the town of Harborough, or the major part of them; and his Lordſhip declared, that ſuch of the inhabitants of the ſaid town as pay to church and poor were to be taken to be the ſubſtantial inhabitants, who were to elect the feoffees at all times thereafter. And his Lordſhip further declared, That the feoffees to be at any time thereafter elect-

§ *Exceptions*] The 3d. and 6th. exceptions (which are recited in the deed of feoffment mentioned in the preceding note) confirm the account given of the donor's will in pa. 2. in theſe words. "The third exception to the ſaid recited decree, &c. being for "that the commiſſioners had taken upon themſelves to nominate "new feoffees for the premiſes contrary to the will of the donor of "the ſaid charity eſtate, which expreſly directs the new feoffees to "be choſen by the major part of the ſubſtantial inhabitants, who "had done nothing to forfeit that right.——And the ſixth exception for that the commiſſioners had decreed, that when the "number of feoffees appointed by the ſaid commiſſioners ſhould "by death, or otherwiſe, be reduced to five only, ſuch five ſurviving feoffees ſhould convey the charity premiſes to the uſe of "ten new feoffees &c. and ſo in like manner for ever. Whereas "by the donor's will, no new feoffment ought to be made till the "feoffees ſhould be reduc'd to the number of three."

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ed might be inhabitants in other towns as well as the town of Harborough. And it was referred to Sir Thomas Gery, Knight, then one of the maſters of this court, to look into the bills of coſts relating to the proſecution of this charity only, and to ſee if the commiſſion that was taken out, was taken out in reſpect of this charity only, or in reſpect of any and what other charities, and to apportion the coſts accordingly. And the maſter was further ordered to inquire and ſee in what condition the bridges and highways (which are to be repaired out of the rents and profits of the charity lands) were in reſpect of repair and what were the uſual annual charges of the repairs thereof; and the maſter was to look into the accounts of the ſaid eſtate that was made up in the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirteen, and all parties who had received any of the charity monies ſince the ſaid year one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirteen, (and which were not brought into the ſaid accounts) were to account for the ſame before the ſaid maſter; and after the maſter ſhould have made his report, this court would give directions how the ſurplus of the charity monies ſhould be applyed and diſpoſed of.

AND WHEREAS in May one thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty four, in purſuance of the ſaid laſt mentioned order, a new election of feoffees of the ſaid charity was made, and on hearing the petition of Benjamin Brown, James Retchford and David Kidney, three of the inhabitants of the ſaid town, and another petition of the then ſurviving reſpondents the ſeventeenth day of April one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty, his Lordſhip, the now Lord Chancellor declared, ſuch new election was fair and ought to ſtand, and did therefore order that John Shuter, the heir at law of the ſurviving feoffee

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ſhould convey the ſaid charity eſtate to ſuch of the ſurviving new feoffees (ſo elected as aforeſaid) who were to appoint a receiver of the arrears, and of the growing rents of the ſaid charity eſtate.

And it was further ordered, that the ſaid accounts ſhould be forthwith carried on before James Lightboun Eſquire, one of the maſters of this court purſuant to the ſaid decree of the twentieth day of February, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen.

AND WHEREAS purſuant to the ſaid laſt order the ſaid charity eſtate has been conveyed, and a receiver appointed thereof.

AND WHEREAS in November one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty the ſaid exceptants did exhibit their petition to his Lordſhip, the now Lord Chancellor, ſetting forth the matters aforeſaid; And that for quieting and avoiding all future diſputes touching the taking the ſaid accounts of the ſaid charity eſtate, from the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirteen, and preventing all further coſts and charges touching theſame, the inhabitants of the ſaid town of Harborough were deſirous the ſaid accounts directed to be taken and ſettled by the ſaid decree of the twentieth day of February one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, and the order of the ſeventeenth day of April one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty before the ſaid maſter Mr. Lightboun might be taken and ſettled by ſuch new feoffees according to the ancient and uſual cuſtom; and praying that the ſaid accounts of the ſaid charity eſtate might be taken and ſettled by ſuch new feoffees; and that they might from time to time paſs the accounts of the townſman, or receiver according to the ancient and uſual cuſtom. And upon hearing the ſaid petition before his Lordſhip on the twenty ſecond day of January one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty, it was ordered that

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the ſaid new feoffees, at a public meeting of the pariſhioners paying ſcott and lott, (notice being firſt given for that purpoſe) ſhould take an account of the ſaid charity from the year one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirteen; and that what ſhould be found due in the hands of any perſon ſhould be paid by ſuch perſon to the ſaid feoffees, for the benefit of the ſaid charity; and that the account of the growing rents and profits of the ſaid charity eſtate ſhould be in like manner annually taken and paid.

AND WHEREAS on the twenty eighth day of July laſt the ſaid exceptants exhibited their petition to his Lordſhip, the now Lord Chancellor, thereby (inter alia) ſetting forth the ſeveral matters aforeſaid; And that purſuant to the ſaid order of the twenty ſecond day of January one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty, the ſaid feoffees (after public notice given for that purpoſe) at a public veſtry meeting of the inhabitants of the ſaid town of Harborough had proceeded to take the annual accounts of the ſaid charity eſtate, from the ſaid year one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirteen to Lady-day one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty, and had entered the particulars thereof in the town book kept for that purpoſe ſigned and allowed by the ſaid feoffees; and that there was then remaining in the hands of the ſeveral receivers thereof on the ballance of their ſeveral accounts, and the arrears in the hands of the tenants of the charity eſtate the ſum of two hundred ſeventy ſix pounds ſeven ſhillings and two pence, over and beſides the laſt years rents due at Lady-day one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty one; And that the rents and profits of the ſaid charity eſtate, amounted yearly to the ſum of one hundred and twenty pounds as appeared by a certificate ſigned by the ſaid feoffees and ſchedule thereto, and both annexed

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to the ſaid petition; and that the ſaid feoffees, as alſo the ſubſtantial inhabitants of the ſaid town paying to church and poor, had looked into the condition of the bridges and highways in the ſaid town or near adjoining, mentioned in the ſaid decree of the twentieth day of February, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, touching which an enquiry was thereby directed to be made, and found the ſame to ſtand in need of ſome repairs and amendments; and that the ſame may require yearly the ſum of ſixty pounds or thereabouts for the neceſſary repairing and amending thereof for the future; and that the ſaid feoffees and inhabitants conceived it to be for the benefit of the pariſhioners and inhabitants poor of the ſaid town of Harborough (in general) to have the ſurplus of the ſaid rents and profits applyed for the maintenance of a workhouſe already ſet up in the ſaid town, for the employment of the poor of the ſaid town, and for putting out poor people's children apprentices, and for the relief of poor houſekeepers, ſuch as the feoffees or the major part of them ſhould from time to time think fit and appoint; * and the ſaid petition further ſets forth, that by means of the ſaid orders made by this court, and what had been done in purſuance

* By a deed of feoffment, bearing date 17th of April 1655, this charity eſtate was conveyed to new feoffees, in which the rents and profits were directed to be employed and diſpoſed of for the eaſement of the inhabitants of Harborough, viz. for repairing their bridges and highways and for and towards the relief, maintenance and eaſe of their poor in paying fifteenths, and for and towards the preferment of poor ſcholars born in Harborough, and in the pariſh of St. Mary's in Arden, in the town of Little-Bowden, in the county of Northampton, who have been commonly taught in the ſchool of Market-Harborough, and to prefer them to the univerſities of Oxford and Cambridge, or putting them to be apprentices, as by the judgment and approbation of the greater part of the feoffees of Market-Harborough ſhall be thought fit and requiſite.

thereof, all former diſputes about the ſaid charity had been quieted, and the affairs thereof ſettled in a method to the ſatisfaction of all parties. And the ſaid petitioners ſet forth, that they found the ſaid commiſſion of charitable uſes was taken out in reſpect to other charities as well as this charity, the ſaid petitioners prayed, that the ſeveral matters reſerved by the ſaid decree of the twentieth day of February, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, might be ſet down to be heard for further directions. Whereupon it was ordered, that the ſeveral matters reſerved by the ſaid decree of the twentieth day of February, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, ſhould come on to be heard for further directions next after the exceptions then already ſet down; and this cauſe ſtanding this day in the paper to be heard on the matters aforeſaid, in the preſence of councel learned on both ſides.

Upon opening of the matter by the exceptants councel and reading of the certificate of the ſaid new feoffees and inhabitants of the ſaid town of Market-Harborough, dated the twenty ſecond of July laſt, and the ſchedule thereto annexed; and hearing what was alledged on both ſides, **His Lordſhip doth order**, that the ſaid certificate and the ſchedule thereto annexed (as to the accounts therein mentioned) be confirmed; and that the ſaid exceptants and reſpondents be paid their reſpective coſts, relating to the matters in queſtion, out of the monies that have or ſhall come to the hands of the receiver or townſman of the ſaid charity eſtate, and by conſent, the ſaid coſts are to be ſettled by the ſaid feoffees or the major part of them.

And it is further ordered, that out of the reſidue of the money that hath come to the hands of the receiver or townſman of the ſaid charity eſtate, and out of the

the growing rents and profits thereof, the bridges and highways of the ſaid town of Market-Harborough or near adjoining, ſo far as the inhabitants of the ſaid town are liable to repair or contributary to, be from time to time repaired, as the feoffees of the ſaid charity for the time being, or the major part of them, ſhall ſee occaſion, according to the ſeveral deeds of feoffment relating to the truſts of the ſaid charity; and that the ſurplus of the clear annual rents and profits of the ſaid charity eſtate be from time to time paid and applyed by the feoffees of the ſaid charity, for the time being, for putting out poor people's children of the ſaid town of Market-Harborough apprentices; and for the relief of poor houſekeepers there, who do not receive alms of the ſaid pariſh; in ſuch manner as the ſaid feoffees of the ſaid charity eſtate for the time being, or the major part of them, ſhall from time to time think fit and direct.

J. THO. PARNELL.
Deput. Regr.

The following is an *exact* copy of the DEED OF FEOFFMENT (bearing date April 30th 1767, being the 7th of George III.) by which this charity eſtate was conveyed to the preſent Feoffees.

This Indenture made the thirtieth day of April, in the ſeventh year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and ſo forth, and in the year of our Lord, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty ſeven, **Between** Thomas Peach, late of Market-Harborough

in the county of Leiceſter, but now of Dingley in the county of Northampton, Eſquire; the Reverend Philip Baſſe, heretofore of Market-Harborough, aforeſaid, but now of Tormarton, in the county of Glouceſter, clerk; and John Shuter of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, ſadler, the ſurviving feoffees eſtated and ſiezed of and in all the meſſuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, commonly called or known by the name of the town lands of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, to them and their heirs, in truſt, for certain good and charitable uſes in the ſaid pariſh of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, hereafter in theſe preſents mentioned and expreſs'd, of the one part; John Hungerford, of Dingley aforeſaid; eſq: Richard Farrer of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, gentleman; the Reverend Chriſtopher Hatton Walker, clerk; Maunſell Hill, gentleman; the Reverend John Farrer, clerk; William Wartnaby, gentleman; Edmund French, gentleman; the Reverend Stephen Addington; John Hands, Draper; Samuel Rouſe, draper; William Clowes, ſurgeon and apothecary; John Goodhall, ſurgeon and apothecary; Marſhall Allen, ſurgeon and apothecary; Thomas Coleman, grocer; Joſeph Inkerſole, ironmonger; John Aſtell, gentleman; John Benton, inn-holder; Thomas Goodwin, wool-ſtapler; Caleb Ratten, maltſter; Moſes Berry, inn-holder; Tobias Green, flax-dreſſer; Joſeph Thornton, tanner; Samuel Turner, painter; and James Chater, butcher; all of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, of the other part.

Whereas by a deed of feoffment indented, bearing date on or about the 24th day of June, which was in the year of our Lord 1730, and made or mentioned to be made between the ſaid John Shuter, by the name and addition of John Shuter of Market-Harborough, in the county of Leiceſter, ſadler, ſon and heir

heir of Samuel Shuter, late of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, ſadler, deceas'd of the firſt part, and which ſaid Samuel Shuter, deceas'd, was the ſurviving feoffee in truſt in another deed of feoffment, bearing date on or about the 31ſt day of March, which was in the year of our Lord 1686, of all the meſſuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, commonly called or known by the name of the Town-lands of Market-Harborough aforeſaid; and the ſaid Richard Farrer, and Daniel Bayes the younger, then of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, gentlemen, (but ſince deceas'd) of the ſecond part; Thomas Farrer, doctor in phyſick; Rowland Walker, eſquire; and Robert Atkins, clerk; all ſince then alſo deceas'd; the ſaid Philip Bliſs party hereto, and Benjamin Brown, gentleman, ſince alſo deceaſed; and the ſaid Thomas Peach, and John Wafforne, gentlemen; Daniel Bayes, the elder, grocer; Robert Brice Shuter, draper; George Sollers, inn-holder; William Clowes, flax-dreſſer; Joſeph Fleming, diſtiller; Walter Corbett, apothecary; William Ling, apothecary; Samuel Luffe, barber; Caleb Ratten, bookſeller; Henry Clarke, butcher; Thomas Goodwin, haberdaſher of hatts; Joſeph Carter, ſadler; and David Kidney, haberdaſher of hatts; * all ſince deceas'd of the third part; and which ſaid firſt indenture of feoffment was duly executed by delivery of ſieſin. The ſeveral meſſuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, hereafter in theſe preſents particularly mention-

* The Reverend John Wotton, of Little-Bowden, in the county of Northampton, clerk, (and the preaching miniſter at Market-Harborough) Berkely Strete, eſquire; John Harper, draper; Samuel Oliver, apothecary; John Smith and Thomas Jackſon, mercers, all of Harborough, were alſo elected feoffees in May 1724, but died before the conveyance of the premiſes was executed.

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ed, were lawfully conveyed unto the ſaid Richard Farrer and Daniel Bayes, the younger, their heirs and aſſigns to the uſe and behoof of the ſaid Thomas Farrer, Rowland Walker, Robert Atkins, Philip Bliſs party hereto; Benjamin Brown, the ſaid Thomas Peach, John Wafforne, Daniel Bayes, the elder; Robert Brice Shuter, George Sollers, William Clowes, flax-dreſſer; Joſeph Fleming, Walter Corbett, William Ling, Samuel Luffe, Caleb Ratten, bookſeller, Henry Clark, Thomas Goodwin, haberdaſher of hatts; Joſeph Carter, David Kidney, and John Shuter, their heirs and aſſigns for ever, upon the truſts and to the ſeveral uſes, intents and purpoſes, therein and herein hereafter mentioned and expreſſed, as in and by the ſaid firſt in-part recited indenture, relation being thereunto had, may more fully appear.

And whereas the ſaid Thomas Farrer, Rowland Walker, Robert Atkins, Benjamin Brown, John Wafforne, Daniel Bayes the elder; Robert Brice Shuter, George Sollers, William Clowes, flax-dreſſer; Joſeph Fleming, Walter Corbett, William Ling, Samuel Luffe, Caleb Ratten, bookſeller; Henry Clark, Thomas Goodwin, haberdaſher of hatts; Joſeph Carter, and David Kidney, are ſince deceas'd; and the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſs party-hereto, and John Shuter are ſtill living, and by ſurvivorſhip are become ſieſed of the ſaid meſſuages and premiſes herein after mentioned to them and their heirs.

AND WHEREAS an Order or Decree of the High court of Chancery, bearing date on or about the the 17th day of January, which was in the year of our Lord 1731, in a cauſe wherein the ſaid Daniel Bayes, Caleb Ratten, bookſeller; and Henry Clark deceaſed, were exceptants, and the ſaid Joſeph Fleming, deceaſed, was the ſurviving reſpondent, reciting

citing (inter alia) that a commiſſion of charitable uſes had iſſued out of the ſaid court of chancery to certain commiſſioners therein named.

And that by an inquiſition taken thereupon at Church-Langton, in the county of Leiceſter, the eighteenth day of January 1713, before Sir Richard Halford, baronet and others, commiſſioners, it was found that divers meſſuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments in Market-Harborough and Great-Bowden, in the county of Leiceſter, of the yearly value of one hundred and eighteen pounds, eighteen ſhillings and four pence, were given by ſome charitable perſon, or perſons, for and towards the maintaining and repairing the bridges and highways in Harborough aforeſaid, or near adjoining to the ſame, ſo far as the inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid were liable to repair, or contributary to, and no farther; and for and towards the relief of the poor in Harborough aforeſaid.

And that on the fourth day of February, one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirteen, a decree was thereupon made by Sir Jeffery Palmer, baronet, and others, the commiſſioners therein named; whereby (inter alia) it was decreed, that the ſaid lands ſhould be veſted in certain feoffees therein named and their heirs; and that the then ſurviving feoffees of the ſaid charity ſhould execute conveyances of the premiſes to new feoffees therein named; and that the feoffees or truſtees for the time being ſhould for ever hereafter yearly meet at the chapel of Harborough aforeſaid, upon monday in Whitſon-week, when and where there ſhould (by the feoffees or truſtees then preſent or the major part of them) be yearly named and appointed a perſon living in Harborough, who ſhould be called a townſman, to receive and collect the rents and profits of the ſaid

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premiſes, for the year then next enſuing, and to apply and diſpoſe of the ſame for and towards the performance of the charitable intent of the donor in the ſaid inquiſition mentioned.

AND that the ſaid exceptants and others, (at that time deceas'd) inhabitants of the ſaid town of Harborough, having taken exceptions to ſuch decree of the ſaid commiſſioners, on the hearing the ſaid exceptions in this court before the then Lord chancellor Cowper, the twentieth day of February one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen, it was decreed, That new feoffees ſhould be choſen by the moſt ſubſtantial inhabitants of the town of Harborough, or the major part of them; and his Lordſhip declared, that ſuch of the inhabitants of the ſaid town as pay to church and poor were to be taken to be the ſubſtantial inhabitants, who were to elect the feoffees at all times hereafter. And his Lordſhip further declared, That the feoffees to be at any time thereafter elected might be inhabitants in other towns as well as the town of Harborough.

AND alſo reciting, that in May one thouſand ſeven hundred and twenty four, in purſuance of the ſaid laſt mentioned order, a new election of feoffees of the ſaid charity was made; and on hearing the petition of Benjamin Brown, James Retchford and David Kidney, three of the inhabitants of the ſaid town, and another petition of the then ſurviving reſpondents, the ſeventeenth day of April, one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty, His Lordſhip, the then Lord Chancellor declared, ſuch new election was fair and ought to ſtand, and did therefore order that the ſaid John Shuter, the heir at law of the ſurviving feoffee, ſhould convey the ſaid charity eſtate to ſuch ſurviving new truſtees (ſo elected as aforeſaid) who

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were to appoint a receiver of the growing rents of the ſaid charity eſtate.

AND that purſuant to the ſaid laſt order, the ſaid charity eſtate had been conveyed, and a receiver appointed thereof.

AND that in November one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty, the ſaid exceptants did exhibit their petition to his Lordſhip, the then Lord Chancellor, ſetting forth the matters aforeſaid, as well as other things therein contained; and praying (inter alia) that ſuch new feoffees might from time to time paſs the accounts of the townſman, or receiver according to the uſual cuſtom.

And that upon hearing the ſaid petition before his Lordſhip, the twenty ſecond day of January, one thouſand ſeven hundred and thirty, it was ordered, (inter alia) that the ſaid new feoffees, at a public meeting of the pariſhioners paying ſcott and lott, (notice being firſt given for that purpoſe) ſhould take an account of the growing rents and profits of the ſaid charity eſtate annually; and that what ſhould be found due, in the hands of any perſon, ſhould be paid by ſuch perſon to the ſaid Feoffees.

And that on the twenty eighth day of July, then laſt paſt, the ſaid Exceptants exhibited their petition to His Lordſhip, the then Lord Chancellor, thereby (inter alia) ſetting forth, that the bridges and highways in the ſaid town of Market-Harborough, or near adjoining, might require annually the ſum of ſixty pounds, or thereabouts, for the neceſſary repairing and amending thereof for the future; and that the ſaid feoffees, and inhabitants conceived it to be for the benefit of the pariſhioners and inhabitants poor of the ſaid town of Market-Harborough (in general) to have the ſurplus of the ſaid rents and profits applyed for the maintenance of a workhouſe then ſet up in

the ſaid town, for the employment of the poor of the ſaid town, and for putting out poor people's children apprentices, and for the relief of poor houſe-keepers, ſuch as the feoffees, or the major part of them, ſhould from time to time think fit and appoint.

And His Lordſhip ordered, that out of the growing rents and profits of the ſaid Charity Eſtate, the bridges and highways of the ſaid town of Market-Harborough, or near adjoining, ſo far as the inhabitants of the ſaid town were liable to repair, or contributary to, be from time to time repaired, as the feoffees of the ſaid charity, for the time being, or the major part of them, ſhould ſee occaſion, according to the ſeveral deeds of feoffment relating to the truſts of the ſaid charity; and that the ſurplus of the clear annual rents and profits of the ſaid charity eſtate be, from time to time, paid and applyed by the feoffees of the ſaid charity, for the time being, for putting out poor people's children of the ſaid town of Market-Harborough apprentices; and for the relief of poor houſe-keepers there, who do not receive alms of the ſaid pariſh; in ſuch manner as the ſaid feoffees of the ſaid charity, for the time being, or the major part of them, ſhould from time to time think fit and direct, as in and by the ſaid in part-recited Decree, duly filed on record, may appear.

And Whereas on, or about, the nineteenth day of December, which was in the year of our Lord, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſixty five, the then major part preſent of the moſt ſubſtantial Inhabitants of the ſaid town of Market-Harborough, who pay to the Church and Poor there, at a veſtry meeting held in the Chapel or Church of Harborough aforeſaid, purſuant to public notice before given for that purpoſe; by an inſtrument in writing ſigned by them, unani-

unanimouſly elected, and choſe the ſaid Thomas Peach, John Shuter, John Hungerford, Richard Farrer, Chriſtopher Hatton Walker, Maunſell Hill, John Farrer, Willam Wartnaby, Edmund French, Stephen Addington, John Hands, Samuel Rouſe, Willam Clowes, John Goodhall, Marſhall Allen, Thomas Coleman, Joſeph Inkerſole, John Aſtell, John Benton, Thomas Goodwin, Caleb Ratten, Moſes Berry, Tobias Green, Joſeph Thornton, Samuel Turner, and James Chater, to be and ſtand Truſtees or Feoffees of and for the ſaid Town and Charity Lands of Market-Harborough aforeſaid.

Now this Indenture witneſſeth, that in purſuance of the truſt in them, the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſe, party hereto, and John Shuter, repoſed, and in purſuance of the ſaid former order or decree, mentioned in the ſaid in part-recited decree, made by the ſaid High Court of Chancery, on the ſaid 20th day of February, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventeen; And in purſuance of the ſaid order or decree of the ſaid High Court of Chancery, dated on or about the ſaid 17th day of January 1731. And for and in conſideration of five ſhillings a-piece of lawful britiſh money, to them in hand paid by the ſaid John Hungerford and Richard Farrer, at or before the ſealing and delivery hereof, the receipts whereof are hereby by the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſſe, party here-to, and John Shuter, and each of them reſpectively acknowledged; and for the ſettling, conveying and aſſuring of the meſſuages, lands, tenements and hereditaments herein after mentioned, to the uſes and truſts herein after mentioned, and declared concerning the ſame, and for divers other good cauſes and conſiderations hereunto moving, they the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſſe, party hereto, and John Shuter, have and each and every of them hath given, granted, alienated, enfeoffed and confirmed; And by theſe pre-

ſents do and each and every of them doth give, grant, aliene, enfeoff and confirm, unto the ſaid John Hungerford, and Richard Farrer, their heirs and aſſigns, all and ſingular thoſe meſſuages, cottages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, parcels of arable land, ley, meadow, paſture and ley grounds, with the appurtenances ſituate, lying and being in the town of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, and in the town-fields, pariſh precincts, and territories of Great-Bowden in the ſaid county of Leiceſter, commonly called or known by the name of Harborough town-lands, the particulars whereof for more certainty are mentioned, expreſſed and contained in a certain ſchedule or terrier indented hereunto annexed, conſiſting of three ſkins of parchment; together with all and ſingular houſes, out-houſes, edifices, buildings, ſtructures, barns, ſtables, yards, backſides, orchards, gardens, eaſements, cloſes, tofts, crofts, meadows, paſtures, feedings, commons, and common of paſture, hades, leys, baulks, lott-graſs parting graſs, tying graſs, rents, ſervices and all other the profits, commodities, hereditaments and appurtenances whatſoever to the beforementioned, to be granted meſſuages, cottages, lands, tenements and premiſes, or any part or parcel thereof belonging or in any wiſe appertaining, or therewithal, or with any part or parcel thereof, uſually uſed, occupied or enjoyed, or accepted, reputed, taken or known, as part, parcel, or member thereof, or belonging thereunto, and the reverſion and reverſions, remainder and remainders thereof, and of every part and parcel thereof; and alſo all other the meſſuages, cottages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with the appurtenances whatſoever, ſituate, lying and being in Harborough aforeſaid, or in the ſaid town-fields, pariſh precincts, and territories of Great-Bowden aforeſaid, commonly

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called or known or taken or reputed to be, or belong to the town of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, called town land, and in whoſetoever tenure or poſſeſſion any of them be; and alſo all the eſtate, right, title, intereſt, claim, poſſeſſion, property and demand whatſoever of them, the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſſe, party hereto, and John Shuter, or any or either of them, of, in and to the ſaid hereby granted premiſes, and every of them and every part and parcel thereof, **To have and to hold**, all and ſingular the ſaid meſſuages, cottages, lands, tenements and hereditaments, ley, meadow, paſture and graſs ground; and all other the premiſes herein before granted and enfeoffed, or intended or mentioned ſo to be, with every of their rights, members and appurtenances unto the ſaid John Hungerford and Richard Farrer, their heirs and aſſigns to and for the uſe and behoof of the ſaid Thomas Peach, John Shuter, John Hungerford, Richard Farrer, Chriſtopher-Hatton Walker, Maunſell Hill, John Farrer, William Wartnaby, Edmund French, Stephen Addington, John Hands, Samuel Rouſe, William Clowes, John Goodhall, Marſhall Allen, Thomas Coleman, Joſeph Inkerſole, John Aſtell, John Benton, Thomas Goodwin, Caleb Ratten, Moſes Berry, Tobias Green, Joſeph Thornton, Samuel Turner, and James Chater their heirs and aſſigns for ever. **Nevertheleſs upon truſt and confidence**, to the only uſes, intents and purpoſes, and under the ſeveral truſts, conditions, covenants, limitations and agreements hereafter in theſe preſents expreſſed, limited and declared; to be held of the chief lord or lords of the fee thereof, by the rents and ſervices therefore due and of right accuſtomed; (that is to ſay) to the intent and purpoſe, that the rents, iſſues and profits from time to time coming and ariſing of the

the ſaid meſſuages, cottages, lands and tenements, and other the ſaid mentioned to be hereby granted premiſes, ſhall be employed and diſpoſed of towards the maintenance and repairs of the bridges, and highways in Harborough aforeſaid, or near adjoining to the ſame, ſo far as the inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid are liable to repair, or contributary to, and no farther, as the ſaid feoffees, for the time being, or the major part of them ſhall ſee occaſion; and alſo for and towards the putting out poor people's children of the ſaid town of Market-Harborough apprentices, and for the relief of poor houſe-keepers there, who do not receive alms of the ſaid pariſh, in ſuch manner as the feoffees of the ſaid charity for the time being, or the major part of them, ſhall from time to time think fit and direct, according to the directions of the ſaid laſt in part-recited order or decree of the ſaid Court of Chancery, and to, or for no other uſe intent or purpoſe whatſoever.

Provided always, and it is fully covenanted, declared, concluded and agreed upon, by and between all and every the ſaid parties to theſe preſents; and it is the true intent and meaning of them and of theſe preſents, (and to the end that all and ſingular the lands and tenements, and all other the abovementioned, to be granted premiſes may be continued and kept in perpetual feoffment, from time to time ſucceſſively, for the good charitable uſes, intents and purpoſes before ſpecified and declared,) that when and ſo ſoon as ſo many of them the ſaid Thomas Peach, John Shuter, John Hungerford, Richard Farrer, Chriſtopher-Hatton Walker, Maunſell Hill, John Farrer, William Wartnaby, Edmund French, Stephen Addington, John Hands, Samuel Rouſe, William Clowes, John Goodhall, Marſhall Allen, Thomas Coleman, Joſeph Inkerſole, John Aſtell, John Benton, Thomas Goodwin, Caleb Ratten, Moſes Berry, Tobias Green, Joſeph Thorn-

ton, Samuel Turner, and James Chater, ſhall happen to die, that only three of them ſhall ſurvive and remain alive; that then thoſe ſurviving three feoffees ſhall make anew feoffment of the ſaid town land and premiſes to or for the uſe of the beſt ormoſt ſubſtantial inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid, or ſuch others as ſhall be then choſen by the major part of the moſt ſubſtantial inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid; and their heirs, to be feoffees or truſtees of and for the ſaid town land of Harborough aforeſaid; upon the Truſt and Confidence, and to the only uſes intents and purpoſes above-mentioned and declared; and that in like manner, as is herein before expreſſed, new feoffments ſhall for ever hereafter from time to time be made of the ſaid town land and premiſes to the uſes abovementioned, when and as often as ſo many of the then Feoffees ſhall happen to die, that there ſhall be only three of them ſurviving.

Provided alſo and it is covenanted, agreed, concluded and declared by the ſaid parties to theſe preſents; and it is the true intent and meaning of them and of theſe preſents, that it ſhall not, nor may be lawful at any time or times hereafter to, or for the above named feoffees, or the major part of them, their heirs or aſſigns, or any other perſons hereafter to be named, elected or choſen feoffees or truſtees, of the ſaid town lands, tenements and premiſes, or the major part of them, to the uſes abovementioned, to leaſe out or ſet to farm all or any part of the ſaid lands, tenements, hereditaments and premiſes, for leſſer or ſmaller rents than other lands and tenements of the like quantity or quality are uſually and accuſtomarily ſet for, or then may be gotten or had for the ſame; and that no leaſe or leaſes hereafter to be made by the ſaid feoffees, or the major part of them of the ſaid town lands, and premiſes, or any part thereof ſhall

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be made to continue for above the term of TWELVE YEARS fromthe day of the date thereof.

And it is further covenanted, concluded and agreed by and between all the ſaid parties hereto, and it is the true intent and meaning of them, and of theſe preſents; that the officer called the townſman of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, for the time being, and ſo from time to time ſucceſſively, ſhall duly collect and gather up the rents, iſſues and profits of the ſaid lands, tenements and other the abovementioned, to be granted and enfeoffed premiſes, and ſhall account for the ſame to the above named feoffees, or the greateſt number of them, and to ſuch other perſons, as ſhall from time to time happen to be elected or choſen feoffees for the ſaid town lands of Harborough as aforeſaid, or the greateſt part of them upon every Whitſon-Monday, yearly, according to the ancient and uſual cuſtom; and that the ſaid officer, commonly called the townſman of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, ſhall not at any time hereafter lay out or diſpoſe of all or any part of the ſaid rents, iſſues, and profits of the ſaid lands and tenements in any one matter or thing above the value of forty ſhillings, and ſo as the whole of ſuch his layings out or diſpoſals do not exceed the ſum of ten pounds in the year, without the conſent or approbation of the greateſt part of the feoffees from time to time for ever.

And the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſſe, party hereto, and John Shuter for themſelves ſeverally and reſpectively, and not jointly nor the one of them, for the other of them, or for the heirs, executors, adminiſtrators, acts or deeds of the other of them, Do, and each, and every of them, doth covenant, promiſe, grant and agree to, and with the ſaid John Hungerford, Richard Farrer, Chriſtopher-Hatton Walker, Maunſell Hill, John Farrer, William Wartnaby, Edmund French, Stephen Addington, John Hands,

Samuel Rouſe, William Clowes, John Goodhall, Marſhall Allen, Thomas Coleman, Joſeph Inkerſole, John Aſtell, John Benton, Thomas Goodwin, Caleb Ratten, Moſes Berry, Tobias Green, Joſeph Thornton, Samuel Turner and James Chater their heirs and aſſigns, and every of them by theſe preſents, that they the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſs party hereto, and John Shuter, each for himſelf only have not, nor any, nor either of them hath at any time heretofore made, done or committed, or wittingly or willingly omitted, or ſuffered to be made, done or committed, any act, matter or thing whatſoever, whereby or by means whereof, all and ſingular the lands, tenements, hereditaments and premiſes herein beforementioned or intended to be granted, with every of their appurtenances or any part thereof, is, are, ſhall or may be in any wiſe impeached, charged, burthened or incumbered in title, charge, eſtate or otherwiſe howſoever.

And for the better executing of theſe preſents the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſs, party hereto, and John Shuter, have conſtituted, appointed and in their place and ſtead, put, and by theſe preſents, Do conſtitute, appoint, and in their place and ſtead put William How of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, grocer, their true and lawful attorney, for them and in their name, place and ſtead, to enter into the ſaid premiſes hereby granted and enfeoffed, or mentioned to be granted and enfeoffed, or any part or parcel thereof, in the name of the whole, to enter, and quiet and peaceable poſſeſſion and ſieſin thereof, and of every or any part thereof in the name of the whole, for and in the name of the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſs, party hereto, and John Shuter to have and take, and after ſuch entry had and made, and poſſeſſion, and ſieſin ſo had and taken as aforeſaid, to deliver quiet and peacea-

ble poſſeſſion and ſieſin thereof, and of every or any part thereof in the name of the whole, unto the ſaid John Hungerford and Richard Farrer to be had and held according to the tenor, form and effect of theſe preſents; and whatſoever the ſaid William How, attorney of the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſs, party hereto and John Shuter, ſhall do in the premiſes, they the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſs, party hereto, and John Shuter and each of them do, and ſhall hereby ratify, confirm and allow as fully, as if the ſaid Thomas Peach, Philip Bliſs party hereto, and John Shuter had been preſent, and done the ſame in their own perſons. In Witneſs whereof the parties firſt abovenamed to theſe preſent Indentures, have hereunto interchangably ſet their Hands and Seals the day and year firſt above written.

Thos Peach	L. S.	*John Goodhall*	L. S.
Phil: Bliſs	L. S.	*Marſhall Allen*	L. S.
Jn° Hungerford	L. S.	*Thos Coleman*	L. S.
Richd Farrer	L. S.	*Jos: Inkerſole*	L. S.
Chriſtopher Hatton Walker	L. S.	*Jn° Aſtell*	L. S.
		John Benton	L. S.
Maunſell Hill	L. S.	*Thos Goodwin*	L. S.
John Farrer	L. S.	*Caleb Ratten*	L. S.
W: Wartnaby	L. S.	*Moſes Berry*	L. S.
Edmd French	L. S.	*Tobias Green*	L. S.
Stephen Addington	L. S.	*Joſeph Thornton*	L. S.
John Hands	L. S.	*Samuel Turner*	L. S.
Sam: Rouſe	L. S.	*James Chater*	L. S.
Willm Clowes	L. S.		

Sealed and delivered, (being firſt duly ſtamped) by the within named John Hungerford, &c. in the preſence of us

Thos. Weſt.
John Tayler.

Wm How.
Rowland Rouſe.

The

The following is a Copy of the **Terrier or Schedule** which was annexed to a DEED OF FEOFFMENT bearing date the 17th of April 1655.

THE Terrier or Schedule

indented containing all the meſſuages, cottages, lands, tenements and hereditaments thereby mentioned, or intended to be granted according to the tenor, purport, effect, and true meaning of the ſame deed of Feoffment, as followeth.

FIRST, One Meſſuage, Cottage, or Tenement, with the appurtenances, called the GEORGE in Market-Harborough, in the county of Leiceſter, ſometime in the Tenure of John Prattie, and ſince of Margery Cooper, widow; and now of John Shuter, the elder, together with the Arable Land, Graſs Ground, Meadow, and Common, to or with the ſame uſed and belonging, and now in the Tenure of the ſaid John Shuter, or his Aſſigns, and hereafter ſpecified; that is to ſay,

One Piece of Graſs Ground called a Shield, lying and being in the Eaſt-Field of Great-Bowden, in the ſaid county of Leiceſter, abutting upon Harborough Acre-heads in the ſaid Eaſt-Field.

One Head-ley of Graſs Ground, lying in the Hachey, in the ſaid Eaſt-Field, containing Half-an-acre (more or leſs) the Hachey lying Eaſt, and St. Mary's Land in the ſame Field Weſt.

Two Arable Lands ſhooting into Gilbert's Slade, in the ſame Eaſt-Field, Harborough Town-land lying on both ſides thereof.

Two Arable Lands ſhooting into Gilbert's Slade, now in the Tenure of Henry Symcocke, Vintner,

which he holdeth as Tenant to the Town Feoffees.

Two Arable Lands more there ſhooting into Gilbert's Slade, now in the Tenure of Edward Gott, which he holdeth as Tenant to the ſaid Feoffees.

One Acre-hade lying in Jenkinſon's plough'd land.

ALSO, One other Meſſuage, or Tenement, with the appurtenances, in Harborough aforeſaid, called the Peele, ſom time in the Tenure of Richard Smethwaite, deceaſed; and ſince of Richard Edwards, Baker, alſo deceaſed, and now of John Edwards, Baker, his Son, together with the Arable Land, Leys, and Graſs-ground, to or with the ſame laſt mentioned Cottage, or Tenement uſed and belonging, and now in the Tenure of the ſaid John Edwards, or his Aſſigns; that is to ſay

One Piece of Arable Land containing Five Acres (more or leſs) near adjoining to the Leys there called the Horſe-Fair-Leys, lying and being in the ſame Eaſt-Field of Great Bowden aforeſaid.

One Piece of Graſs-ground called Drunkenman's Piece in the ſame Field, adjoining to the River there called Welland, containing by Eſtimation

Five arable lands lying together in the ſame eaſt-field, abutting upon Large bridge, ſhooting upon the Cow-paſture there.

Four lands with four Hades, at the eaſt ends in the ſame field, ſhooting into Gilbert's Slade.

Five acre-hades or paſtures to be had and taken in the fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid, belonging to Jenkinſon's plough'd land.

ALSO one other meſſuage or tenement with the appurtenances in Harborough aforeſaid, ſometime in the tenure of Edmund Goodier, baker; and ſince of William Lambert, ſhoemaker; and now in the tenure of Chriſtopher Roby, pewterer; together with the arable land, leys, and graſs ground, to or with

with the ſame meſſuage or tenement uſed and belonging, as followeth, viz.

ARABLE LAND in the GALLOW-FIELD, otherwiſe called the NORTH-FIELD of Great-Bowden aforeſaid.

One rood lying in a place there called Foxton-Moor, Myles Smith ſouth, and William Johnſon north.

Four Atteral roods, in the ſame field, next Foxton gate, Thomas Marſhall north, ſhooting into Foxton-Moor.

One half-acre on the ſame furlong, John Fiſh ſouth.

One-half-acre more on the ſame furlong, John Fiſh ſouth.

Six half-acres more on the ſame furlong, the Goare of Leekebeds there north, and Robert Buttrice ſouth.

One Atteral rood on Leekebeds, George Grove ſouth.

One other Atteral rood on the ſame furlong, Thomas Parſons north, and Maurice Dix ſouth.

One Atteral rood, ſhooting into Toecroft, and into Langton-Borrow Hades, Harborough town land, in the tenure of Auguſtine Harper eaſt.

Two Atteral roods upon Breeſt, Clark of Langton, eaſt.

One half-acre upon Gallow, ſhooting upon the King's Highway, John Sprigg north, and William Harries ſouth.

Two roods on the ſame furlong, Tobias Allen ſouth.

One Atteral rood on the ſame furlong, John Fiſh on both ſides.

One Thirtyfall ſhooting into Foxton Moor, Barbara

bara Smith, widow, ſouth, and John Fiſh north.

GALLOW-FIELD.

GRASS GROUND in the ſame Field,

One rood in Lamberſicke, John Fiſh weſt, and Myles Smith eaſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong, Widow Harper weſt, and John Parſons eaſt.

One half-acre ſhooting into Toecroft, Maurice Dix eaſt.

Three Leys beyond the Gutter in Toecroft, John Parſons eaſt and Clark of Langton, weſt.

One-half-acre in Toecroft on the ſame Furlong, Payne weſt, and eaſt.

WEST-FIELD.

ARABLE LAND in the WEST-FIELD of Great-Bowden aforeſaid.

One Thirtyfall lying and being in a certain place there called Waterlakes, Barbara Smyth, widow, eaſt, and John Fiſh weſt.

One Thirtyfall on Elderne, John Sprigg ſouth, and William Bayle north.

One half-acre on long Elderne, the Goare there north, and Richard Cort ſouth.

One three rood land on the ſame furlong, Joſeph Hawkeſworth, gentleman, north, and Maurice Dix ſouth.

One half-acre on the ſame furlong, Edward Marſton north, and Thomas Ruſſell ſouth.

Three Thirtyfalls lying together next unto Gaſwellſicke, William Johnſon, gentleman, weſt, and the highway eaſt.

One

One Atteral rood againſt the ſun, Thomas Allyn eaſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong, William Johnſon eaſt, and Richard Keſtian weſt.

One Atteral rood on the ſame furlong, and one Head Land next to the round hill, Richard Keſtian eaſt.

One other Atteral rood againſt the ſun, the Gore weſt, and William Johnſon eaſt.

Three Thirtyfalls ſhooting into the King's Highway at Tymcroſse, John Fiſh weſt, and
eaſt.

One Atteral rood on the ſame furlong, John Fiſh eaſt, and Thomas Turner weſt.

One Thirtyfall on Lyard, Myles Smith ſouth, and William Johnſon north.

One other Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, the Gore weſt.

GRASS GROUND in the ſame WEST-FIELD of Great-Bowden aforeſaid.

ONE half-acre, and one rood on Headlyn Leys on Tymcroſſe furlong, John Fiſh ſouth, and the arable land ſhooting upon it north.

Three leys in Gaſwell Sicke, William Johnſon on both ſides.

One thirtyfall at the bottom of the round hill, William Johnſon weſt, and John Fiſh eaſt.

ARABLE LAND in the EAST-FIELD of Great-Bowden aforeſaid.

ONE Atteral rood on Smeeth Meadow, William Fiſh eaſt.

MEADOW and Graſs Ground in the ſame FIELD.

One

One acre of meadow, abutting on Paddock's Pilche, the land late of Robert Hern on both ſides.

One half-rood abutting on the Whiteſtone.

One rood of meadow, John Fiſh weſt, and William Harries eaſt.

One ley on Paddock's Pilche, John Parſons eaſt, Maurice Dix weſt,

One half-acre of leys, Tobias Allyn eaſt, and widow Johnſon weſt.

IN the SOUTH-FIELD of Great-Bowden aforeſaid.

One Thirtyfall ſhooting into Lubenham brook, next the town land of Harborough, now in the occupation of John Child of the ſouth-ſide.

One Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, John Fiſh ſouth.

Two Thirtyfalls on the ſame furlong, John Fiſh on both ſides.

Two Thirtyfalls more there, the Gore north.

One Atteral rood on the ſame furlong, Myles Smyth north.

One other Atteral rood on the ſame furlong, William Fiſh on both ſides.

One Atteral rood more on the ſame furlong, Thomas Turner ſouth.

One other Atteral rood on the ſame furlong, Thomas Turner north, and John Fiſh ſouth.

One Atteral rood more on Smalethorne, Maurice Dix eaſt, and Robert Ruſſell weſt.

Six Thirtyfalls againſt the ſun, Richard Cort weſt, and eaſt.

One half acre, and one rood on Blackmyne, ſouth, and John Sprigg north.

Two roods on Gravel-pits furlong, the Goare, eaſt.

One

One half-acre on the ſame furlong, the Goare eaſt, and John Parſons weſt.

Two half-acre lands abutting on the Swan Cloſe, John Fiſh ſouth, and William Johnſon north.

Three roods next Tenter leys, William Johnſon eaſt.

Four roods on the ſame furlong, William Johnſon eaſt, and William Watts weſt.

Two Atteral roods lying on over Gooſe-acre on both ſides of William Halliokе's land.

One half-rood abutting upon one of the ſaid Atteral roods, John Bland eaſt, and Thomas Allyn weſt.

One Thirtyfall on the middle furlong, the Goare eaſt, and Maurice Dix weſt.

Two Atteral roods, at Stockwell bridge, the Goare, weſt, and Maurice Dix eaſt.

Two roods on Netherſtye on both ſides of one land of Thomas Harp.

Two roods ſhooting into the moor, John Parſons north.

One Atteral rood on Harborough hill, John Fiſh ſouth.

One rood on Gooſe-acre John Bland on both ſides.

Two roods on the ſame furlong, Thomas Wells weſt, and John Glover eaſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong, William Johnſon weſt, and John Glover eaſt.

Three leys on the ſame furlong on the eaſt ſide of the Goare.

Two leys on Smeeton furlong, on the eaſt of

Two half-roods ſhooting down to Large Bridge, being the third furlong off, on both ſides the Meereſtone, eaſt, and Robert Ruſſell weſt.

ONE other Cottage or tenement with the appurtenances in Harborough aforeſaid, ſometime in

the tenure of James Marſon, ſhoemaker; and ſince of Thomas Marion, Laurence Carter and Grace Gott, and now of Edward Gott, taylor.

ONE other Cottage, or Tenement, with the Appurtenances, ſometime in the Tenure of Thomas Faukner, being the Town hog-herd, and ſince of Thomas Saunt, being the Town Neat-herd, and now in the Tenure of

TWO Cottages, or Tenements, with the Appurtenances, in Harborough aforeſaid, late in the tenure of Thomas Smith, Glazier, and then uſed as one Cottage, and now in the tenure of Thomas Sawford, and John Hallocke, ſhoemakers.

One piece of ground ſometimes uſed for four Stalls in Harborough aforeſaid, with the appurtenances heretofore in the tenure of John Hull, Robert Tompkins and Robert Silby, and ſince in the tenure of Nicholas Shreeve, Richard Margetts, William Friſby and Edward Crane, butchers, and now of William Woodroffe and Peter Jones.

One piece of graſs ground with the appurtenances lying and being in the Eaſt-field of Bowden aforeſaid, in a place there called Potter's Holme, ſometime in the tenure of Thomas Hankin, and now called or known by the name of Bull-piece, now in the tenure of the feoffees of Harborough town land, or of their aſſigns.

One piece of arable land with the appurtenances lying and being in the Eaſt field of Great-Bowden aforeſaid, ſometime in the tenure of John Tompſon, taylor, and now of

ONE MESSUAGE, cottage or tenement with the appurtenances in Great-Bowden aforeſaid, ſometime in the tenure of John Johnſon, and ſince of Francis Child, and now of John Tympſon, together

ther with the arable land, meadow and graſs ground, to or with the ſaid meſſuage cottage or tenement uſed, and belonging as hereafter followeth, that is to ſay

ARABLE Land in the GALLOW-FIELD, otherwiſe called the NORTH-FIELD of Great Bowden aforeſaid.

One rood lying on Cole furlong, the Lord's Gore on the weſt ſide.

One old rood on Broom furlong, Edward Marſton weſt, and William Halliocke eaſt.

One old rood on Banham, next the Goare on the eaſt-ſide.

Two Thirtyfalls on Larkewell, next the Goare on the weſt ſide.

One half-acre on Banham, Robert Ruſſell weſt, and Richard Harp eaſt.

Two half-acres together on Lacon-Wells, Thomas Keſtian weſt, and Richard Keſtian eaſt.

One half-acre on the ſame furlong, Robert Ruſſel weſt, and Barbara Smyth eaſt.

One other half-acre on the ſame furlong, Richard Harper weſt.

One old rood on Wannowe, William Harris weſt.

One rood on Johnſty, Maurice Dix, ſouth, and William Bale north.

One Thirtyfall on Rockhill, John Marſton ſouth, and Robert Ruſſell north.

One Thirtyfall more on the ſame furlong, Thomas Keſtian north.

One other Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, Richard Corke north.

One other Thirtyfall on the ſame Furlong, Richard Keſtian the younger, north.

Four Thirtyfalls on Rock-hill, Barbara Smyth, north.

One Rood upon the top of Shirtycotes, Edward Marſton, weſt.

Old old rood againſt Shirtycotes, Richard Keſtian eaſt.

One old rood more on the ſame furlong; Margery Cooper, widow, weſt.

Two roods ſhooting into Foxton Moor, next Foxton gate on the north ſide.

Six lands on Gallow containing ten roods, John Fiſh, north, and Edmund Fiſh, ſouth.

One rood on nether Gallow, William Johnſon, weſt.

One rood more on the ſame furlong, next the baulk, on the weſt ſide.

One rood more on the ſame furlong, William Johnſon, eaſt.

One rood on over Grymesholme, Maurice Dix, eaſt.

One rood more on the ſame furlong, Richard Keſtian, weſt.

Two roods on the ſame furlong, Richard Keſtian, weſt, and Maurice Dix, eaſt.

Eight thirtyfalls on nether Grymesholme, John Sprigg, eaſt.

Three roods on Mannersholme, Barbara Smyth, eaſt.

Two half-acres on Eaſtlong, Barbara Smyth, ſouth.

LEYS and Graſs ground in the ſame Gallow-Field.

Three

Three roods on Gallow, William Johnſon eaſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong, Maurice Dix, eaſt.

One rood more on the ſame furlong, Thomas Keſtian, weſt

Three roods in Lamberſick, Barbara Smyth, north,

Four roods on Farrgates, the Moor on the Weſt-ſide.

One half-rood on Tawts, the Cloſe on the Weſt-ſide.

ARABLE LAND in the EAST-FIELD, otherwiſe called the NETHER-FIELD.

TWO roods on Potterscroft next the Lord's Gore on the North ſide.

LEYS and Graſs ground in the ſame EAST-FIELD.

One acre of High meadow in the Hay, Richard Corke Eaſt.

One acre upon Hay-leys, Chriſtopher Roby Weſt.

One old rood next unto it, John Sprigg.

One acre more upon the ſame furlong, Fiſh Johnſon Eaſt.

One Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, John Sprigg Eaſt.

Four Thirtyfalls on Nether-Sand furlong, William Bale North.

One Thirtyfall more on the ſame furlong, Richard Keſtian the younger South.

One half-Thirtyfall on Wardoles partable with being High-meadow.

ARA-

ARABLE land in the WEST-FIELD.

One old rood on Pillwell furlong, Richard Corke West.

One rood on the ſame furlong, John Fiſh East.

One rood more on the ſame furlong, Barbara Smyth Weſt.

One old rood on the ſame furlong, Maurice Dix Weſt.

One old rood on the ſame furlong, William Fiſh Weſt.

Two lands being Thirtyfalls upon Brandlanes, Robert Buttrice East.

Three half-roods ſhooting into Foxton Moor gate, John Parſons East.

Six lands at Neale's lodge, being by eſtimation, eleven roods the Street Weſt.

One rood ſhooting into Street-way, Mr. Johnſon South.

Three roods ſhooting into the Street-way, John Fiſh North.

Half an-acre on Scarmer's furlong, William Johnſon North.

Two Thirtyfalls on Waterlakes, Thomas Keſtian East.

One Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, John Sprigg East.

One old rood on the ſame furlong, Robert Buttrice Weſt.

Six roods on the ſame furlong, John Bland, Weſt.

Two roods againſt Kingſterne, the Goare East.

One three rood land on the ſame furlong, William Johnſon North.

One rood on the top of Kingſterne, William Johnſon Weſt, and Robert Buttrice East.

Two

Two half-roods on Little Coomes, John Parſons, Eaſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong, Richard Keſtian Eaſt.

One rood againſt Little Coomes, William Fiſh Weſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong, William Fiſh Weſt, and Robert Buttrice Eaſt.

Three roods againſt Smeeth meadow, William Johnſon Eaſt.

One rood on Short Elderne, Tobias Allyn North.

One old rood and one Thirtyfall upon Waterlakes on the Hill, William Bale South.

Six roods on Goodwyn's Ox, John Fiſh Eaſt.

One Thirtyfall on Lyard, William Johnſon North, and John Parſons South.

LEYS and Graſs ground in the ſame WEST-FIELD.

ONE half-acre and one rood upon Coomes, Edward Marſon South.

One half-acre more upon Coomes, Myles Smyth Eaſt.

One rood on Lyard, the Hades North.

Two roods upon Coomes, Robert Hearne Eaſt, and Richard Harp Weſt.

Four Thirtyfalls upon Coomes, John Fiſh Eaſt, and Thomas Keſtian Weſt.

One rood upon Coomes, Richard Keſtian Weſt.

One Thirtyfall on little Coomes, Richard Keſtian Weſt, and Auguſtine Harper Eaſt.

Three roods upon Round hill, the Lord's Graſs Weſt.

One rood in Gaſwell-Sicke, Richard Keſtian Eaſt.

ARA-

ARABLE land in the SOUTH-FIELD of GREAT-BOWDEN aforeſaid, and in LUBENHAM-FIELD.

TWO old roods in Lubenham-Field, the Gore South, and Richard Putt North.

One old rood and one Thirtyfall at Lubenham-brook, Robert Coop north.

One Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, John Sprigg ſouth, and Mr. Johnſon north.

One Thirtyfall on Smalethorn, Maurice Dix Eaſt.

One rood at Lubenham-brook, Richard Keſtian South.

Four roods on the ſame furlong, John Sprigg, North.

One Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, John Sprigg North.

Two Thirtyfalls on the ſame furlong, John Parſons North

Two Thirtyfalls more on the ſame furlong, Richard Keſtian South.

One rood on Stone hill, Thomas Turner, Weſt.

One rood Head-land on the ſame furlong.

One half-acre and two roods ſhooting into Lubenham-brook, and on the ſame Head-land, Maurice Dix South.

One rood on the ſame furlong, Maurice Dix North.

One rood and one half-rood on the ſame furlong, Robert Buttrice North.

One Thirtyfall Head-land ſhooting to Large bridge Edward Marſon Eaſt.

One Thirtyfall more on the ſame furlong, John Sprigg Eaſt.

One old rood on Partricke, John Fiſh Eaſt.

Four

Four old roods on the ſame furlong, Margery Cooper, widow, Eaſt.

Two old roods on the ſame furlong, William Fiſh Eaſt.

One rood on Nether-tong, Richard Harper South.

One rood more on the ſame furlong, William Fiſh South.

Five old roods on Over-Tong Myles Smyth North, and John Parſons ſouth.

One rood ſhooting againſt Tymcroſe, John Fiſh North.

One rood on Over-Redmyles, John Fiſh Eaſt.

One rood more on the ſame furlong, the Gore Weſt.

One other rood on the ſame furlong, William Johnſon Weſt.

One Thirtyfall on Nether-Redmyles, the Gore, Weſt.

Two Thirtyfalls on the ſame furlong, the Gore, Eaſt.

Two roods on the furlong called Hell-furlong, Thomas Keſtian ſouth.

One rood at a place called Parker's-mill, ſhooting upon the furlong called Gaſwellſicke, and into the Mill-way, Robert Ruſſell South.

One rood in Lubenham-way, Robert Harper Eaſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong againſt Hay-field John Sprigg Weſt.

GRASS in the ſame SOUTH-FIELD.

Three roods on the top of Highfield, Thomas Fiſh the younger weſt, and Thomas Keſtian Eaſt.

ONE other meſſuage, cottage or tenement with the appurtenances in Great-Bowden aforeſaid, late in the tenure of Richard Waters and now in the te-

nure of Auguſtine Harper of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, mercer, and of Chriſtopher Roby of Harborough aforeſaid, pewterer, with the Terrier or Schedule of the arable land, meadow and graſs ground to and with the ſame uſed and belonging, as followeth, that is to ſay

THE ARABLE Land in the GALLOW-FIELD of Great-Bowden aforeſaid.

One Thirtyfall on Rock-hill, Thomas Harper South, and Robert Buttrice North.

Three Thirtyfalls and two half-roods on Rock-hill John Dix north, and the Gore South.

Two old roods and three roods on the ſame furlong, the furlong Eaſt, and the Lord's Gore Weſt.

One rood Head-land on Rock-hill, the furlong north, and the town-land of Great-Bowden ſouth.

One old rood ſhooting into Foxton-moor, Fiſh Johnſon South, and William Johnſon North

One three rood land in Foxton-moor, William Johnſon North, and Tobias Allen South.

Two half-acres on Gallow, John Dix South, and William Johnſon North.

One old rood againſt Shirtycotes, John Fiſh Weſt, and Fiſh Johnſon Eaſt.

One Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, John Sprigg Eaſt, and John Parſons Weſt.

One half-acre on Portgate, the land late of Robert Hearne Eaſt, and John Fiſh Weſt.

Three roods on Breeſt, Tobias Allen Weſt, and John Parſons Eaſt.

Two roods on the ſame furlong, Thomas Turner Eaſt, and Richard Keſtian Weſt.

One three rood land butting into Toecroft, the Bead-houſe of Leiceſter Eaſt, and Willlam Bale Weſt.

One

One other three rood land on the ſame furlong John Fox of Langton Eaſt, and the Bead-houſe of Leiceſter weſt.

One old rood on Breeſt, John Sprigg Eaſt, and John Fiſh weſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong, Richard Harper Eaſt, and Edward Parſons the younger Weſt.

One half-acre on Whitterſicke, John Sprigg North, and William Johnſon South.

Two half-acres on Lacon-Well, Thomas Keſtian Eaſt, and John Onely Weſt.

Three old roods on the top of Shirtycotes, Thomas Ruſſell Eaſt, and John Dix Weſt.

GRASS Ground in the ſame GALLOW-FIELD.

One Thirtyfall on Greengate, Edward Marſon Eaſt, and Maurice Dix Weſt.

One old rood againſt Shirtycotes, John Onely on both ſides.

One Thirtyfall in Grymesholme, Richard Harper Eaſt, and John Sprigg Weſt.

Three Thirtyfalls on Middle-furlong, Thomas Ruſſell Weſt, and the Parſonage Eaſt.

Two old roods in Toecroft, Arthur Stavely eſq. South, and Thomas Wright North.

One rood in Lamberſicke, John Harper Eaſt, and John Onely Weſt.

One old rood on Thorpe-leys, John Parſons South, and Richard Keſtian North.

One other old rood on the ſame furlong, one ley belonging to St. Mary's South, and George Grove North.

ARABLE Land in the WEST-FIELD.

ONE half-acre Head-land butting into Foxton-moor Tobias Allen South, and the Lord's furlong North.

Five half-acres and one rood on the ſame furlong, Toby Allen North, and the Gore South.

One rood on Brandlands, Maurice Dix Eaſt, and John Wells Weſt.

One half-acre on the ſame furlong, Thomas Turner Weſt, and William Johnſon Eaſt.

One half-acre more on the ſame furlong, Thomas Ruſſell Weſt, and John Wells Eaſt.

One other half-acre on the ſame furlong, William Hallioke Eaſt, and John Dix Weſt.

GRASS Ground in the ſame WEST-FIELD.

One Thirtyfall on Little Coomes, the town land of Harborough, in the tenure of John Tymſon Eaſt, and Edward Marſton Weſt.

Two roods on the ſame furlong, Harborough Town-land in the tenure of the ſaid John Tymſon Weſt, and John Wells Eaſt.

Two roods more on Coomes, Richard Keſtian Weſt, and Thomas Fiſh Eaſt.

ARABLE Land in the NETHER-FIELD.

ONE old rood on the Weſt ſide of Micklebarrow, the Gore South, and John Glover North.

One rood on the top of Micklebarrow, John Fiſh South, and John Bland North.

One rood on the ſame furlong, the Bead-houſe of Leiceſter South, and John Sprigg North.

One Thirtyfall at Round-Ford the Gore Eaſt, and William Johnſon Weſt.

One

One old rood on the ſame furlong, William Johnſon Eaſt, and Maurice Dix Weſt.

One old rood and one Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, Thomas Harper Eaſt, and Thomas Fiſh Weſt.

One rood butting into Grannam-Narrow, Richard Harper North, and the Parſonage land South.

One old rood on the Eaſt ſide of Micklebarrow, William Johnſon South, and Richard Muncke North.

One other old rood on the ſame furlong, John Fiſh on both ſides.

Two roods on the North ſide of Micklebarrow, James Cort on both ſides.

One rood butting upon Waſh-ford, William Johnſon South, and Richard Harper North.

Three roods on Shelfebreade, William Johnſon Weſt, and the Neat's-paſture Eaſt.

Two roods on the ſame furlong, William Johnſon on both ſides.

Two roods on Moor-furlong, John Sprigg Weſt, and John Dix Eaſt.

GRASS Ground in the ſame NETHER-FIELD.

One old rood and one Thirtyfall butting upon Waſh-ford, William Fiſh Eaſt, and John Bland Weſt.

Three Thirtyfalls butting upon Lamphook, Richard Corke Eaſt, and John Parſons Weſt.

Three Thirtyfalls more on the ſame furlong, John Parſons Eaſt, and John Fiſh Weſt.

Three old roods on the ſame furlong, Richard Harper Eaſt, and James Corke Weſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong, Richard Keſtian Eaſt, and John Onely Weſt.

One

One Thirtyfall on Highgate, Richard Keſtian Eaſt.

THE Out-Meadow.

ONE acre at Thorpe-gate end, the Town-land of Harborough in the tenure of John Tympſon Eaſt, and the furlong Weſt.

Two roods on Duke and Cranoe, butting into the Neat's paſture, John Fiſh North, and William Johnſon South.

One rood on the ſame furlong, William Dowſon South, and John Onely North.

Three Thirtyfalls on the ſame furlong, William Johnſon South, and William Fiſh North.

One Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, John Wells North, and Edward Marſon South.

THE High-Meadow.

One half-acre in Long-hollowes, John Fiſh and the furlong Eaſt, and Thomas Turner Weſt.

Two Thirtyfalls in the Hay, John Wells Eaſt, and Robert Weſt Weſt.

One Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, Robert Weſt on both ſides.

One other Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, Robert Weſt Eaſt, and John Wells Weſt.

One Thirtyfall more on the ſame furlong, John Wells Eaſt, and Myles Smyth Weſt.

Two paſtures in the plough'd land, commonly called by the name of Hearne's plough'd land.

ARABLE Land in the South-Field.

Two old roods butting into Gilbert's Slade, Richard Keſtian North, and Maurice Dix South.

One

One three rood land on the ſame furlong, Richard Keſtian North, and William Fiſh South.

One half-acre land on the ſame furlong, Richard Keſtian South, and the Lord's land North.

One other half-acre on the ſame furlong, John Fiſh on both ſides.

One old rood on the ſame furlong, William Fiſh North, and Margery Cooper South.

One other old rood on the ſame furlong, James Corke on both ſides.

One old rood butting upon Drunken-man's piece, the Gore Weſt, and Myles Smyth Eaſt.

One other old rood on the ſame furlong, Thomas Turner Eaſt, and James Cort Weſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong, Thomas Turner Eaſt, and John Onely Weſt.

One Thirtyfall upon Large-Bridge, Harborough Town-land in the tenure of Chriſtopher Roby Weſt, and the Parſonage land Eaſt.

Two Thirtyfalls on Stone-hill, John Sprigg Eaſt, and Maurice Dix Weſt.

One old rood and one Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, the Gore Eaſt, and Jo: Sprigg Weſt.

One old rood and one Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, William Fiſh Eaſt, and Richard Keſtin Weſt.

One old rood more and three Thirtyfalls on the ſame furlong, George Grove Eaſt, and John Sprigg Weſt.

Two Thirtyfalls on Short-Partricke, James Corte Eaſt, and Richard Keſtin Weſt.

One Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, Thomas Keſtin Weſt, and Maurice Dix Eaſt.

One half-acre on Brathan, William Fiſh Eaſt, and William Johnſon Weſt.

One Thirtyfall on Nether-Brathan, John Fiſh Eaſt, and John Onely Weſt.

One Thirtyfall more on Nether-Brathan, John Fiſh Eaſt, and widow Johnſon Weſt.

One rood on the ſame furlong, Maurice Dix Eaſt, and William Fiſh Weſt.

One old rood and one Thirtyfall, near St. Mary's Church, William Doſon South.

One rood under St. Mary's, William Halliocke Eaſt, and Robert Weſt Weſt.

One half-acre in the Hachey, John Wells South, and James Corte North.

One Thirtyfall butting into Kerke-gates, John Sprigg North, and Thomas Turner South.

One Thirtyfall on Ruſhſtones, John Fiſh Weſt, and Richard Harper Eaſt.

One Thirtyfall in Buckwell-moor, William Fiſh Weſt, and Richard Harper Eaſt.

One Thirtyfall butting upon Moore's Ford, John Bland North, and William Halliocke South.

One other Thirtyfall on the ſame furlong, John Fiſh North, and William Johnſon South.

One Thirtyfall Head-land at Dingley Bridge, Myles Smyth Eaſt, and the furlong Weſt.

One old rood at Bird's lane end, the furlong South and the Town-land of Great-Bowden North.

One old rood on Hedge-furlong, Edward Marſton Eaſt, and William Johnſon Weſt.

Two old roods and one rood at Buckwell, Robert Weſt South, and the Highway North.

One old rood and one Thirtyfall ſhooting to John Fiſh's Mill, Richard Wilkinſon South, and John Bland North.

GRASS

GRASS Ground in the ſame FIELD.

One old rood and one Thirtyfall butting upon Welland, John Bland Eaſt, and William Johnſon Weſt.

Three roods in the Hachey, William Johnſon North, and John Onely South.

One rood in Stalland, Fiſh Johnſon South, and William Fiſh North.

A RENT-ROLL, or Liſt of the Tenants, by whom the ſeveral parts of the beforementioned CHARITY-ESTATE of HARBOROUGH, commonly called the TOWN-ESTATE, are rented and occupied. A.D. 1768.

Tenants Names.	What they rent.	Val. per an. £.	s.	d.
I. Mrs. Thomaſin Aſhton, of Harborough, Widow, Inn-holder.	A Meſſuage or Cottage, with the appurtenances, in Harborough, called the George-Inn, together with the arable land and Graſs-ground in Great-Bowden Field, with the ſaid Meſſuage uſed and belonging.	31	0	0
II. Mr. Simon Vials of Harborough, Inn-holder.	A Dwelling-houſe &c. in Harborough, called the Hind, with ſome land in Great-Bowden field.	14	0	0
III. Mr. Matthew Chater of Harborough, Butcher.	A Dwelling houſe &c. in Harborough with ſome land in Great-Bowden field.	9	10	0
IV. Mr. Edward Morris of Harborough, Ironmonger.	A Dwelling Houſe &c. adjoining to the ſouth ſide of the laſt mentioned Houſe, with ſome land in Great-Bowden field.	12	0	0
V. Mr. William How of Harborough, Grocer.	A Dwelling Houſe &c. in Harborough, with ſeveral parcels of Graſs-ground in Great-Bowden field.	12	0	0
VI. Mr. Holmes Timſon ſen. of Harbro' Tallow-chandler.	A Dwelling-houſe with the appurtenances in Harborough.	11	5	0
VII. Mrs. Hannah Clipſham of Harborough, Widow.	A Dwelling-houſe with the appurtenances in Harborough.	7	0	0
VIII. Mr. James Smith of Harborough, Victualler.	A Dwelling-houſe &c. in Harborough called the Wheat-Sheaf.	5	0	0
IX. Mr. John White of Harbro' dealer in china and glaſs.	A Meſſuage with the appurtenances (formerly two Cottages) in Harborough.	5	0	0

X.	Mr. Samuel Buckby of Harborough, Victualler.	A Brew-house and Coal-house adjoining to a House called the Red-Cow in Harborough.	2	0	0
XI.	Rev. Mr. Peter Shuter of Kibworth.	A Garden in Harborough in the occupation of Mr. Samuel Rouse, Draper.	1	10	0
XII.	Mr. William Dickins of Harborough, Inn-holder.	A piece of Ground adjoining to the West side of the abovesaid Garden, upon which he has built a Stable.	0	19	0
XIII.	Thomas Peach of Dingley, Esq.	Three Leys of Grass-ground in Great-Bowden field.	0	18	0
XIV.	John Nicholds of Harborough, Weaver.	A Messuage with the Appurtenances in Harborough.	0	10	0
XV.	Mr. William Kendall of Great-Bowden, Farmer.	A Yard-Land and an half with Commons lying in the open fields of Great-Bowden, together with a Dwelling-house and Homestead.	32	0	0
XVI.	Mr. Edward Saddington of Great-Bowden, Farmer.	A Yard-Land and an half with Commons lying in the open fields &c. of Great-Bowden, together with a Dwelling-house &c.	28	0	0
XVII.	Mr. John Fellows of Great-Bowden, Farmer.	A Yard-Land without Commons lying in the open-fields &c. of Great-Bowden.	12	10	0
			184	17	0

To the above Rent-Roll is to be added a Cottage, or Tenement with the Appurtenances, on the South-Side of Lubenham-Lane, heretofore in the several Tenures of Thomas Faukner, the Town Hog-herd; Thomas Saunt, Robert Parre, and George Graunt, Town Neat-herds; and which is now in the Tenure of Rice Humfrey, the present Neat-herd; but he pays no Rent for it, that being considered as part of his Wages from the Town. (See Terrier at page 34.)

☞ When the present Feoffees were put into Possession of this Charity Estate, the annual Rents amounted to £173 15s.

NOTES upon the foregoing RENT-ROLL.

(No. II. and III.) Theſe two Dwelling-houſes were heretofore but one meſſuage or tenement &c. called the Peale, the north part of which (viz. the Hind) was rebuilt in 1736. (See the Terrier at page 28.)

(No. IV. and V.) Theſe were heretofore but one cottage or tenement &c. which was rebuilt in 1736, and made into twoDwelling-houſes. (See the foregoing Terrier at page 33.)

(No. VI. VII. and VIII.) Theſe were heretofore only one meſſuage or tenement &c. which was rebuilt in 1692. and made into three Dwelling-houſes. (See the Terrier at page 28.)

(No. IX.) This was heretofore two cottages or tenements &c. which were rebuilt in 1694, and made into one tenement. (See the Terrier at page 34.)

(No. X.) This was formerly a piece of Ground for four Market-ſtalls or ſhops, which were generally occupied by butchers. (See the Terrier at page 34.)

(No. XIV.) This tenement properly belongs to the Charity called the Lottery-gift, (which will be treated of hereafter.)John Nicholds the preſent tenant rebuilt it in 1764, in conſideration of which he had a leaſe of it granted for twelve years at the annual rent of ten ſhillings, which leaſe expires at Lady-day 1776.

William

Mr. John Jenell
otherwise
Jenyn's Charity;
Being Part of the
Town-Estate.

WHILST the foregoing Account of the Town-Eſtate was printing off, I very luckily met with ſome original "Depoſitions taken before Sir Edward Montagu Knight, chief "Juſtice of the common Pleas, and Sir Thomas "Treſham, Knight, at Geddington, by virtue of a "Commiſſion directed unto them the 20th day of "September in the fourth year of the reign of King "Edward the ſixth," by which I diſcovered that we are indebted to one **John Jenell** or **Jenyn** of Harborough, for ſeveral meſſuages and a very conſiderable ſhare (viz about one half) of the ſaid Charity Eſtate.* The following Extract contains every material article mentioned in thoſe Depoſitions.

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* This may account for that expreſſion in the Decree in page 4 of this Book. viz. *that divers meſſuages, lands &c. were given by ſome charitable perſon or perſons.*

William

William Brown of Harborough, in the county of Leiceſter, huſbandman, of the age of lxxxviii years, John King of the ſame town and county, weaver, of the age of lxvii years, and Thomas Marſhall of the town of Leiceſter, clerk, of the age of lviii years, upon their ſeveral oaths do jointly depoſe that one Robert Jenell, commonly called Robert Jenyn, Bailiff of Harborough, was ſieſed of the ſaid two meſſuages and lands, which lands &c. he bought of one Lambard Jaye, and divers other perſons; and took the iſſues and profits thereof all his life; and to the knowledge of theſe deponents died thereof ſieſed; and that after the death of the ſaid Robert Jenyn, John Jenyn his ſon had the ſame lands, &c. and took the iſſues and profits thereof to his own uſe till the day of his death, and who died about forty years laſt paſt or more; and further, that about forty eight years laſt paſt, (viz. one thouſand five hundred and two the ſeventeenth of Henry VII.) the ſaid John Jenyn did enfeoff of the ſaid premiſes the ſaid Examinants, William Brown and Thomas Marſhall, and one John Brown, John Archer, William Marſhall, Robert Brown and William Brown, an innholder; and divers others to the number of ten perſons, to the uſe of his wife for the term of her life, and after her death to the uſe of the town of Harborough; ſo that the iſſue and profits thereof ſhall go towards the payment of Fifteenths,* in eaſing the poor men thereof, and to the amendment of the highways; and this the ſaid Examinant William Brown knoweth to be true, becauſe he hath heard the deed thereof

* See an account of this Tax in Note † on p. 2 and 3 of this Book.

read

read divers times about thirty years paſt; and the ſaid Examinants John King and Thomas Marſhall know it to be true, by reaſon that the former was a witneſs to, and the latter a Feoffee named in the deed, and both of them were preſent upon the Ground when liverie and ſieſin and poſſeſſion were taken upon the ſame Deed by a letter of attorney,† made by the ſaid John Jenyn to certain perſons for delivering of poſſeſſion for the ſame John, and in his name given to the ſaid William Brown, Thomas Marſhall, John Brown, &c.—and the ſaid Examinant John King further depoſes that this Examinant himſelf, Thomas Carre and Robert Bowker were jointly ſieſed of the ſaid lands and tenements in Fee about three or four years now paſt, which they had of the Feoffment of Richard Weale to the uſe of the town of Harborough; and accordingly the iſſues and profits thereof were taken by certain perſons appointed for that purpoſe; and ſhortly after the ſaid John King and others were enfeoffed thereof, they enfeoffed of the ſame William Jenkinſon, William Parker and Rowland Walker, to the ſaid uſe of the town of Harborough, who have ever ſince taken the iſſues and profits thereof to the uſe of the ſaid town.

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† This very letter of Attorney which is dated third of May, 19th of Henry VII. together with the ſeveral purchaſe Deeds, and the Depoſitions abovementioned are now tied up together and depoſited in the Town-Cheſt.

THE

ALSO,

In the Town-Cheſt is a Deed of Feoffment, dated at Harborough, 8th. of January, 32d. Henry VIII. 1540; whereby one **Joan Richardſon** of Harborough, Widow, doth freely give and confirm unto William Cheſt, John Hawes and William Wyſehaw of Harborough aforeſaid, all her lands and tenements, &c. with all and ſingular her hereditaments, lying and being in the towns and fields of Harborough, Great-Bowden, and Lubenham, in the county of Leiceſter, and in the fields of Little-Bowden in the county of Northampton; **To have and to hold** all the ſaid lands and tenements &c. to them the ſaid William Cheſt, John Hawes, and William Wyſehaw their heirs and aſſigns, for the uſe of the ſaid Joan Richardſon, for the term of her life; and after her death to the uſe and behoof of John Frauncis, the ſon of Thomas Frauncis and Agnes his late wife, daughter of the ſaid Joan Richardſon; and to the heirs of the body of the ſaid John legally begotten. And if it ſhould happen that the ſaid John Frauncis ſhould die without legitimate iſſue, then to the uſe of the ſaid William Cheſt, John Hawes and William Wyſehaw, and their heirs, upon the following condition, that the aforeſaid William Cheſt, John Hawes and William Wyſehaw their heirs and aſſigns, with the rents and profits of the aforeſaid lands and tenements, &c. ſhall repair, maintain and keep the King's-highways and bridges of Harborough aforeſaid ſo far as they are liable to repair,

It is very proper to be remarked here, that ſeveral of the *Frauncis's* family are mentioned in the pariſh regiſters, and other town-writings ſubſequent to the date of the abovementioned indenture; and that in 1639, John Frauncis ſold a cloſe of paſture, adjoining to his tenement in Harborough to one Richard Weſton. And further, that there is no account either from record or tradition, that this town ever held, or enjoyed a ſingle foot of land, as a publick charity-eſtate, in the fields, or pariſh of Little-Bowden. And it is but a *ſmall* a *very ſmall* part of our preſent charity-eſtate which lies in Lubenham-field. ‡

For theſe reaſons (amongſt others) it has been thought, that *John Frauncis*, mentioned in the foregoing Deed, did not die without legitimate iſſue; and conſequently, that the ſaid lands and tenements have not devolved to the heirs or aſſigns of the aforeſaid William Cheſt, John Hawes, and William Wyſehaw, for the uſe of the town of Harborough.

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‡ This ſmall piece of Land is bounded on the Weſt by Lubenham-brook, and on the South-ſide by the Turnpike-road leading from Harborough to Lutterworth, &c.

THE

CHARITY-ESTATE

COMMONLY CALLED

St. Mary's Land.

HERE we have an inſtance of the inſufficiency of *ſingle written Inſtruments* for preſerving and conveying to Poſterity clear and diſtinct accounts of charitable endowments; many unthought of, and therefore unforeſeen accidents frequently concurring to ſink ſuch inſtruments in oblivion; but when a number of copies intelligible to every one are printed, and diſperſed amongſt thoſe immediately affected by them, ſo that they may by their own fire-ſides inform themſelves of every particular relative to their charities, and have recourſe to them whenever they pleaſe, to recover what they have forgotten, to examine and ſatisfy themſelves in any thing they doubt of concerning them; how few will then be ignorant of the ſeveral particulars of thoſe endowments? and it is next to impoſſible that any accident or number of accidents ſhould deprive us of every of thoſe means of information.

After

After ſeveral diligent ſearches for materials upon which I might build ſome certain account of this ancient charity, the only records I could ever meet with concerning it, are an old Feoffment and two leaſes* from which the following abſtracts were made.

‡ Abſtract of the Deed of Feoffment, *26th of Eliz.* 19th of January 1585.

To all Chriſtian People, to whom theſe preſents ſhall come, Maurice Palmer of Little-Bowden in the county of Northampton, gentleman; and Richard Sprigg of the ſame town and county, huſbandman, ſend greeting in our Lord everlaſting. **Know ye**, that we the aforeſaid Maurice Palmer and Richard Sprigg, for divers other good cauſes and conſiderations us hereunto eſpecially moving, have freely delivered and enfeoffed, and by theſe preſent indentures do confirm unto Thomas Palmer the ſon of Maurice Palmer of Little-Bowden aforeſaid, Robert Palmer, his brother, gentlemen; Thomas Dunmore, ſen. Thomas Dunmore, jun. John Lees, Richard Day ſen. Robert Day, Dennis Day, Edward Berridge, Thomas Berridge, William Sprigg, Richard Berridge of Little-Bowden aforeſaid, huſbandmen; John Copeland, William Parker jun. of Harborough, in the county of Leiceſter, yeomen; John Parker ſon of the ſame William Parker; Richard Walker, George Walker his ſon, Andrew Tayler, George Tayler his ſon, Thomas Fiſh, John Fiſh his ſon, John Dunmore, Edward Dunmore his ſon, William Goodyer, Nicholas Potterton jun. John Potterton, William Frauncis,

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*Theſe are now tied up together and put into the Town Cheſt.

‡ This Deed (which is in latin) has upon the back-ſide of it this Indorſement. *The Deed of St. Marie's Land the Feoffment.* In an old Hand.

William

William Smyth, John Reiynold, Rowland Harborough Richard Edwards, Abraham Hull Anthony Spence and Hill of Harborough, aforeſaid, All that meſſuage or tenement and ſeven acres of land ſituate, lying and being in the town and fields of Harborough and Great-Bowedn, which meſſuage is ſituated in Harborough between the Ground of Edward Griffin eſq. of the Weſt, and the King's highway (or ſtreet) of the Eaſt-part; and is now in the tenure of John Clyntand Thomas Steele; and the aforeſaid ſeven acres of land are lying and diſperſed in the common fields of Great-Bowden; and are now in the occupation of William Potterton of Harborough, and Richard Iliff of Little-Bowden, which meſſuage and ſeven acres of land the aforeſaid Maurice Palmer and Richard Sprigg late had, and jointly held together with William Jenkinſon ſen. and Nicholas Parker ſen. of Harborough to themſelves and their heirs by the gift (or Will†) and Feoffment of William Berridge late of Little-Bowden aforeſaid, huſbandman; the profits ariſing from which premiſes to the ſaid Maurice Palmer, and Richard Sprigg, have devolved; Foraſmuch as the ſaid Maurice Palmer and Richard Sprigg are the ſurvivors of the reſt of the aforeſaid Feoffees. **To have, hold** and enjoy the ſaid meſſuage, and the ſaid ſeven acres of land, and all and ſingular the premiſes above ſpecified with their appurtenances to the aforeſaid Thomas Palmer, Robert Palmer, Thomas Dunmore, &c. their heirs and aſſigns to be held of the chief Lord thereof, &c.—And we the ſaid Maurice Palmer and Richard Sprigg the aforeſaid meſſuage and ſeven acres of land unto the aforeſaid Thomas Palmer, Robert Palmer, Thomas Dunmore, &c. their heirs and aſſigns to their uſe and behoof againſt ourſelves and heirs, will warrant

† The Words in the Original are, *Ex dono et Feoffament.*

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and defend by theſe preſen:s; and we the ſaid Maurice Palmer and Richard Sprigg, full and peaceable poſſeſſion of the premiſes aforeſaid, to Thomas Palmer, Robert Palmer, Thomas Dunmore, &c. have freely given to have and to hold to themſelves and heirs according to the true form and effect of theſe preſents. **In Witneſs** whereof, we the aforeſaid Maurice Palmer and Richard Sprigg have to theſe preſent Indentures affixed our Seals.

Abſtract of the LEASE, 14th of March 1692, the 4th of *William* III. and *Mary* II.

In this LEASE Sir William Halford* of Welham in the county of Leiceſter knight; Richard Roberts of Thorp-Langton in the ſaid county of Leiceſter, eſq; Richard Walker, Philip Bliſſe,* gentlemen; John Harper, mercer; George Mackrith, millener; Nathaniel Reynolds, wheel-wright; Henry Clarke the younger, butcher; Samuel Shuter,* ſadler; and Thomas Simons, *alias* Williamſon, cordwainer; all of Harborough ſtyle themſelves the *ſurviving Feoffees* of, and for the Land called Harborough Town-land, and *St. Mary's land*; ‡ and in the ſame indenture the ſaid Feoffees declare, that as well for and in conſideration of a truſt in them repoſed, as alſo of the yearly rent of four pounds and ten ſhillings, and of the covenants and agreements therein contained on the Leſſees part to be paid, done and performed, they have demiſed, granted, ſet, and to farm, letten unto Sarah Watts of Harborough, widow; All that meſſuage, cottage, † or tenement

‡ Here it is worth obſerving that in this and the following Leaſe the Leſſors are Feoffees not only of *Harborough Town land* but of *St. Mary's Land* alſo, and conſequently that theſe Charities are conſolidated.

† This Meſſuage or cottage was, about forty years ago fitted up by the overſeers of the Poor for the pariſh work-houſe, and it ſtill continues to be uſed for that purpoſe.

with

with the appurtenances, ſtanding in Harborough, and now in the tenure of John Langley, a tenement of Joſeph Harper's called the Pinfold houſe being on the weſt; ‖ together with commons and common of paſture for one cow, five ſheep, one horſe and four hogs, to be had and taken in the fields of Great-Bowden, at ſuch times and in ſuch places as is there accuſtomed, and one acre hade or parcel of lott graſs to the ſaid meſſuage belonging; And alſo all thoſe ſeveral pieces and parcels of arable land, meadow, paſture andgraſsground and common with the appurtenances, lying and being diſperſed in the fields &c. of Great-Bowden, and to the ſaid meſſuage uſually belonging or appertaining, being antiently called *St. Mary's Land*, and now in the occupation of the ſaid Sarah Watts, **To have and to hold** the ſaid meſſuage, land and premiſes with their appurtenances unto the ſaid Sarah Watts, her executors &c. from the 25th day of March then next enſuing, for the full term of twelve years from thenceforth then next enſuing and fully to be compleat and ended.

Abſtract of the LEASE, 20th of March the 3d of *Anne* 1703.

In this LEASE thoſe perſons who are diſtinguiſhed by this mark * in the preceding abſtract, together with John Halford of Little-Bowden, gentleman; and Peter Shuter of Harborough, mercer; are alſo ſtyled the ſurviving Feoffees of and for the Land called Harborough Town-land and *St. Mary's Land* and by the ſame indenture, the before mentioned meſſuage or cottage, together with the commons, and alſo the ſeveral pieces of arable land &c. antiently call-

‖ The tenement which was then called the Pinfold-houſe is now in the occupation of Widow Smith, and is known by the name of the Cock.

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ed *St. Mary's Land*, are by the ſaid Feoffees leaſed to William Auſtin of Market-Harborough for twelve Years at the yearly rent of ſix pounds and five ſhillings.

To this Leaſe is annexed the following "Schedule or Terrier indented, particularly mentioning and expreſſing the ſeveral pieces and parcels of arable land, and graſs-ground, called *St. Mary's Land*, mentioned in in the indenture whereunto the ſame is annexed."

The TERRIER.

In the GALLOW-FIELD.

Imprimis, One old rood land with the Hade upon Banham, Mr. Andrews Eaſt, and William Harris Weſt.

Item, One Thirtyfall upon Green-gate, the Goare on the South.

Item, Two parts of one Rood Ley, parting with Joſeph Pain near Thorp-Bridge.

In the NETHER-FIELD.

Item, One Rood land with the Hade on Moor-Furlong, John Bland Weſt, and Mr. Andrews Eaſt.

In the SOUTH-FIELD.

Item, One Rood upon Hay-Feld, John Parſons Eaſt, and Mr. Mowſe Weſt.

Item, One old rood upon Netherſtye, Elkannah Bland Weſt, and Myles Smyth Eaſt.

Item, One little land ſhooting into Kirk-gates, next the Weather-land.

Item, One old Rood over againſt the little land laſt mentioned ſhooting into Hachey, John Fiſh South, and Mr. Bolt North.

Item, Two lands with Hades butting on the South-

ſide

ſide of *St. Mary's Church-Yard*, Mr. Mowſe Weſt.

Item, Three lands together ſhooting on St. Mary's church-yard wall, Thomas Ruſſell South.

Item, One rood with a Hade ſhooting into Harborough moor, Mr. Mowſe North.

Item, Two rood lands with the Hades, ſhooting into Harborough moor, Mr. Mowſe North and John Parſons South.

Item, One half rood land butting into Harborough moor, one off the former, Mr. Mowſe South.

Item, One half rood more butting into Harborough moor, the land of Thomas Parſons lying on both ſides.

Item, Two leys ſhooting to St. Mary's Bridge, Harborough Town-land in the occupation of Peter Shuter lying Eaſt.

Item, One ley on St. Mary's leys, Mr. Mowſe South.

Item, One ley more on the ſame furlong, the heirs of John Sprigg North.

Item, One ley more on the ſame furlong next to the ſide.

Item, One land ſhooting into Gilbert's Slade with a Hade, John Parſons South.

Item, One half rood ſhooting into Lubenham brook, John Fiſh South.

Theſe lands are now lett to Mr. Caleb Ratten, maltſter, at 2*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* p. annum, in whoſe occupation they have been for ſeveral years laſt paſt.

And the meſſuage or cottage is converted into the Pariſh Work-houſe.

For information with reſpect to the application or employment of the iſſues and profits ariſing from theſe lands, we muſt (in this obſcure article) have recourſe to *tradition* and the *common uſage of the Pariſh*, from

from the former of which we learn that the rents &c. were given and appropriated to the repairs of St. Mary's church, and the fences, and the ſurplus to be employed in putting out poor people's children apprentices; and from the latter it appears that this method has been conſtantly practis'd, a particular book being kept by the church-wardens for that purpoſe.

AN

ACCOUNT of ſeveral HOUSES *given to this Town by ſome* Perſon or Perſons unknown.

OF all the Charities mentioned in this collection, there is none whoſe hiſtory is ſo imperfect as the preſent article; for at this time it is not known to whom we are indebted for the under-mentioned houſes, which have been given to this town.

1ſt. Two dwellings or tenements, heretofore one meſſuage ſituate on the North-ſide of Great-Bowden lane, in Market-Harborough; which two dwelling-houſes are now, and have been for ſeveral years laſt paſt, in the ſeparate tenures of Sarah Maccanus and widow Froſt.

2d. Two more dwellings or tenements heretofore one meſſuage, ſituate on the Eaſt-ſide of Punter's, alias Tag-lane, in Harborough aforeſaid, late in the ſeparte tenures of John Line, ſen. and Thomas Irons, and now of John Line and William Feacon ſen.

3d. Two tenements adjoining to each other on the North-ſide of Lubenham-lane in Harborough aforeſaid, now in the ſeparate tenures of John Smith, weaver, and Joſeph Halford.

Many and diligent have been my enquiries after theſe houſes; but they have hitherto prov'd fruitleſs; for I could never meet with the leaſt trace or veſtigia of an account by whom, at what time, or for what purpoſe

poſe they were given, *(which, by the way, is another argument for the propriety and utility of this method of preſerving accounts of Charities.)*—But if the Donors' names are not recorded here on earth, no doubt but they are *written in the Book of Life.* For if our acts of piety and benevolence ſhould not happen to be declared abroad, or wafted through the wide world, yet, whatever may be the various accidents which conceal them from human obſervation, we may aſſure ourſelves, that the ſweet ſavour of thoſe ſacrifices, (with which G O D has declared himſelf to be *well pleaſed*) after having comforted and ſupported us in the hour of death, will aſcend to Heaven itſelf, and there moſt powerfully recommend us to the favour of H I M *who ſeeth* thoſe good works *in ſecret* ; *but will not fail to reward us for them openly, when he cometh with righteouſneſs to judge the World, and the People with Equity.*

N. B. There is in the Town-Cheſt a Leaſe bearing date the 29th of May, 13th *Charles* I. by which the then Feoffees of Harborough town-lands, in conſideration of the coſts and charges which the Leſſee Thomas Whittie, Shoemaker, had been at in the repairing, and new boarding of the ſhop adjoining to the North-ſide of the chapel, in Harborough,* late in the tenure of George Potterton, ſhoemaker ; and alſo in conſideration of the yearly rent of ten ſhillings, and of the covenants and agreements therein contained, did

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* This ſhop has ſince been in part rebuilt, and has of late years been made uſe of as a public Coal-Houſe. The preſent occupier Thomas Haſeldine has it rent free in conſideration of his purchaſing, and laying up yearly 12 tons of Coal, which he is obliged to ſell out again in Winter to the Poor of this Town at only one penny a hundred advance upon the price he bought them in for.

demiſe,

demiſe, grant, ſet and to farm letten unto the ſaid Thomas Whittie, his executors &c. all the ſaid ſhop with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, **To have and to hold** the ſaid ſhop &c. unto the ſaid Thomas Whittie, his adminiſtrators &c. from the Feaſt-day of the Annunciation of our bleſſed Lady St. Mary, the Virgin, then laſt paſt, for the full term of fourteen years then next following, and fully to be compleat and ended..

Mr.

Mr. Robert Smyth's CHARITY.

MR. **Robert Smyth's** memory ought always be revered, and his name remembered with gratitude by the inhabitants of this town, for the ſeveral good deeds he has done for them; the benefit of which we now enjoy; and their good effects will probably be experienced by our lateſt poſterity.

"*Acts of Charity*" (ſays Abp. TILLOTSON) "*are the beſt deeds of Settlement*," and that pious man Mr. Robert Smyth* appears to have been thoroughly convinced of this important truth, and to have acted in conſequence of ſuch conviction. This is evident from the following letter of his to ſeveral of his friends at Harborough, with which I ſhall introduce the deeds of ſettlement &c. of his Charities.

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* ROBERT SMYTH, citizen, and merchant-taylor in London, was born in this town: He was a diligent and knowing perſon in his ſtation, which recommended him to the governors of that great city, who made him controller of their chambers, and one of the attorneys in the mayor's court. He has left many monuments of his induſtry, while he was in this office, from 1609 to 1617. See MAGNA BRITANNIA, page 1340.

'To my loving Brother Mr. Thomas Walker, 'and others, my good Brethren and Friends, Inhabi-'tants of the Town of Harborough in Leiceſter-'ſhire.

'REmembring, good brethren and friends, and 'conſidering the great mercy and loving kind-'neſs of Almighty God towards me his unworthy ſer-'vant, (not worthy of the leaſt of all his mercies) when 'I was firſt fed in that ſoil, fed I ſay, ſometimes by 'the gleaning of the Harveſt of the neighbour 'towns, and ſometimes by the travails of my poor a-'ged parents, and other weak means; and remem-'bering alſo, and conſidering that with my ſtaff I 'came over that *Welland*, that I came out of my 'country, and from my father's houſe with my cup 'empty, and God of his grace brought me hither, and 'made me able in ſome meaſure to be helpful un-'to others, I have thought it my duty therefore, yet 'once again to remember that place where I was bred 'and fed. And becauſe I know there was then great-'er want of food of the ſoul than of the body, I have 'prepar'd and am now ready (by God's grace) to 'carry another ſtone towards the building of this ſpi-'ritual temple. I have provided to make up thoſe 'thirty pounds parcel of the fifty pounds, which you 'heretofore received, an hundred pounds; which 'hundred pounds, my deſire is, ſhould be employed 'towards the maintenance of preaching the Word 'by a continued lecture, in that town for ever, 'at ſuch times as may be moſt for the advance-'ment of God's glory and good of the town. 'I heartily deſire every one to judge charitably of me 'concerning this Work. I know and acknowledge 'that *by grace we are ſaved through faith, and that*

'*not*

'*not of ourſelves it is the gift of God*; *not of works leſt any man ſhould boaſt himſelf.* And I know and acknowledge alſo, that *when we have done all that we can, we are unprofitable ſervants.* Yet it is our duty to ſhew our faith by our work, and *our light ſhould ſo ſhine before men, that they may ſee our good work and glorify our Father which is in Heaven.* I have threeſcore and ten pounds * ready for you when you will ſend, to be employed as I have above written. The manner of employment I leave to yourſelves, and to provide for the continuance of the Lecture that it die not. I lay the charge upon your conſciences; I beſeech God for his Son Jeſus Chriſt's ſake to give it a bleſſing. And for which my hearty commendations to you all, I commit you to the protection of the Almighty, deſiring him for to give you here in this kingdom of years, that you may by the direction of his good ſpirit walk in the ſtraight way to the kingdom of Glory.

'*Your Loving Friend and Brother in Chriſt,*

'ROBERT SMYTH.

'At LONDON this 15th
'of November, 1606.'

* Theſe ſeveral ſums were called in again, and he afterwards purchaſed an annuity of the city of London.

The above letter is preſerved in the old regiſter page 57.

In the year 1614, Mr. ROBERT SMYTH founded the *Free-ſchool* in this town; and in the old regiſter are the following directions of his, for conducting the building thereof.

'WHereas a *School-houſe* in Market-Harborough is intended to be built, to ſtand upon poſts or columns, over a part of the market-place, to keep the market-people dry in time of foul weather,—Foraſmuch as the Right Worſhipful the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Oxford are patrons of this place, and have cauſe ſometime to viſit here; they are humbly hereby intreated, that they will be pleaſed to viſit the ſchool alſo, and to be favourable to good ſcholars which ſhall be trained up here; and ſhall be found fit to be perfected, and want means and friends for their preferment.'

'A deed from the right honourable lord Stanhope, lord of the manor, to twelve inhabitants of this town concerning liberty to build a ſchool-houſe there, is repoſed in a box in the cheſt in this chapel, and is regiſtered in the Guildhall in London, and to be regiſtered in Chriſt-church in Oxford, in the eighth year of the reign of King JAMES.—Thoſe that ſhall ſurvive are to be remembered to convey their intereſt to other inhabitants, and like to continue dwellers in the town, when the number ſhall by death or otherwiſe come to four, or ſooner if they ſhall find cauſe.—Thoſe, who ſhall ſurvey and direct the building, are entreated to be careful, that it be ſtrong and plain, and that the main bearing poſts be ſet upon ſtone, ſomewhat above the ground, and the windows all clear ſtories. It is conceived that thirty ſix feet

for

'for the length, and eighteen feet for the breadth will 'be a ſufficient proportion.† They are intreated alſo that 'theſe ſuperſcriptions may be upon the building, in or-'der as here directed, in plain letters eaſy to be read.'

'Over or near the ſchool-houſe door, at the north-'eaſt corner of the building, or near thereunto, this 'ſentence of ſcripture to be written,'

Firſt ſeek the kingdom of God. Matthew 6th v. 33

'At the north-end towards the chapel this ſentence of ſcripture to be written,

I was glad when they ſaid unto me, let us go into the Houſe of the Lord. Pſalm, 122, v. 1ſt.

'On the weſt-ſide this ſentence to be written,'

By grace are we ſaved, through faith; and that not of ourſelves; it is the gift of God; not of works, leſt any man ſhould boaſt. Epheſians, 2d. v. 8th. and 9th.

'At the ſouth-end this ſcripture to be written,

Except the Lord build the Houſe, they labour in vain that build it. Pſalm 127, v. 1ſt.

'On the eaſt-ſide this ſentence of ſcripture to be written,'

God ſeeth not as man ſeeth; for man looketh upon the outward appearance, but the Lord beholdeth the Heart. 1 Samuel 16, v. 8th.

† The ſchool-room meaſures thirty ſix feet in length, ſeventeen feet ſix inches in breadth, and eight feet high. Over the ſchool is a chamber and apartments for the ſchoolmaſter's uſe. In the middle of the roof is a turret, which contains a ſmall bell, on which is T. H. 1697. The ground floor is paved with large plank ſtones. From the ground to the top of the turret is about thirty five feet.

'I deſire that theſe texts of Scripture, as they ſhall 'be defaced or worn out, may be renewed. London, '20th of September 1613.'

Mr. Robert Smyth delivered ſeveral ſums of money to the inhabitants of this town, to be employed according to his directions expreſs'd in certain ordinances bearing different dates; but afterwards the ſaid ſums were at his requeſt* paid back again to him; and he then purchaſed an annuity to be iſſuing out of the chamber of London, and to be employed in the manner, and for the charitable purpoſes expreſs'd in the following deed of ſettlement.

'*Martis tertio die Januarii* 1617, *Anno Regni Domi-*
'*ni Jacobi, nunc Regis Angliæ, &c. decimo quinto.*'

'Sir John Leman, knight, Lord Mayor of the 'city of London; Anthony Benne, eſq. recorder of 'the ſame city; Sir Stephen Soame, Sir Thomas Ben-'net, Sir Thomas Lowe, Sir William Craven, Sir Tho-'mas Middleton, Sir John Jolles, knights, and alder-'men; George Boiles, William Cockayn, Richard Py-'ott, Edward Barkam, Edward Rotherham, Alexan-'der Preſcott, Thomas Bennett, Henry Jay, Peter Pro-'bit, Martin Lumley, William Gore and Cuthbert 'Hackett, aldermen, and ſheriffs of the ſaid city.

'The ſame day Mr. Cornelius Fish, chamberlain 'of the city of London, did here in open 'court acknowledge himſelf to have received of Ro-'bert Smyth, citizen and merchant-taylor of Lon-'don, the tenth day of the month of February laſt 'paſt, the ſum of threeſcore and ten pounds; the

* For the re-payment of which ſums, there is an accquittance under his hand in the old regiſter. page 101.

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'five and twentieth day of the ſaid month of February, 'the ſum of fourſcore pounds; the twenty fourth 'day of the month of March laſt paſt, the ſum of 'one hundred pounds; and the five and twentieth of 'the ſame month of March, the ſum of one other 'hundred pounds, amounting in the whole to the ſum 'of *three hundred and fifty pounds* of lawful money of 'England; which ſaid ſum of three hundred and fif-'ty pounds, the ſaid Robert Smyth acknowledgeth 'to have given, and delivered to the ſaid chamberlain 'to the uſe of the mayor and commonalty and citi-'zens of the city of London; for which it is, at the 'humble ſuit of the ſaid Robert Smyth, agreed, 'ordained and decreed by this court, that the cham-'berlain of the city of London for the time being, 'ſhall yearly for ever hereafter allow twenty pounds; 'And thereof ſhall pay by equal half-yearly pay-'ments, at two feaſts or terms of the year; that is 'to ſay, at the feaſt of St. *Michael* the arch-angel, 'and the *Annunciation of the bleſſed Virgin Mary*, or 'within ten days next after any of the ſame feaſts by 'even portions, in the place uſual for receipts and 'payments, commonly called the *Chamberlain's office 'in the city of London*, the ſum of eighteen pounds 'of lawful money of England; that is to ſay, at ei-'ther of the ſame feaſts, or within ten days next after 'either of the ſame feaſts, the ſum of *nine Pounds* to 'ſuch perſon or perſons, as ſhall there deliver unto 'the ſaid chamberlain of the ſaid city, for the time 'being, for his diſcharge upon the receipt of the 'ſame, an acquittance under the hands of the '*Preaching-Miniſter*, and of the *two Townſmen** of the 'town of Market-Harborough in the county of Lei-

* See note ‡ on page 4.

'ceſter, to be by them employed, diſtributed and 'paid to ſuch uſes as herein are particularly appoint-'ed (that is to ſay) *to the godly, honeſt, poor houſeholders* 'of the ſaid town of Market-Harborough, *every* 'Sabbath-day hereafter weekly for ever, *one dozen and* 'half of wheaten bread, *amounting for one whole year to* 'the ſum of three pounds and eighteen ſhillings.'

'To provide every year hereafter for ever *one new* 'Bible, of the ſmalleſt volume of the laſt tranſlation, 'well bound, to increaſe the number of twelve Bi-'bles, or more, which be already in the church or 'chapel there, to be delivered and uſed by ſuch as re-'repair thither to the Lectures; eſpecially ſuch as reſort 'thither from other neighbour towns, who have not Bi-'bles; and to provide yearly for ever to be delivered at 'the breaking up of the ſchool there *before Eaſter yearly,* 'to ſix poor ſcholars, *ſix Bibles well bound, forty ſix ſhil-'lings and eight pence*; or if hereafter *ſeven Bibles* can-'not be bought for that ſum then *five Bibles well* 'bound to *five poor ſcholars*; that is to ſay, to every of 'them one Bible ſuch as before, and one Bible to in-'creaſe the number twelve as before; provided that 'no ſcholar having once received a Bible, ſhall after-'ward receive any more.'

'*To the Dean and Chepter* of Chriſt-church in 'Oxford, patrons of the parſonage, yearly; if they 'ſhall viſit yearly at Market-Harborough aforeſaid, 'for their pains and care in examining and further-'ing the due execution of the ordinances, as well 'touching the Lecture there, as the ſchool and other 'things, *Twenty Shillings*; if they ſhall viſit there 'once in two years, forty ſhillings; if once in three 'years, three pounds; if once in four years, four

pounds

'pounds; and if once in five years, five pounds; 'the ſame with the arrears ſince the laſt viſitation, to 'be kept with the town-ſtock; but if they ſhall paſs 'five years and not viſit, then *the five pounds due for* 'thoſe five years paſt to be, in default of their viſitation, 'diſtributed to and amongſt the godly, honeſt poor of the 'ſaid town.'

'*To the Church-wardens* of the ſaid church or cha- 'pel of Market-Harborough for ever for their care 'and pains to ſee and further the due execution of the 'ordinances, as well concerning the Lecture there, as 'the ſchool and other things there, *ten ſhillings*; that is 'to ſay, to either of them yearly *five ſhillings* each.‡

'*To the Clerk* of the ſaid church or chapel yearly for 'his care and pains to look to the ſafe keeping and 'delivering out and receiving in of the Bibles, and 'that none of them be carried away or loſt, *five ſhil-* 'lings and four pence.'

'*To the School-maſter* yearly for ever, *for teach-* 'ing freely fifteen poor ſcholars, children of godly, honeſt

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‡ In page 99 of the old regiſter.

'The miniſter, ſchoolmaſter, church-wardens and all other 'inhabitants here, are alſo earneſtly intreated (by Mr. ROBERT 'SMYTH) that care may be had of due obſervance of the ordi- 'nances, and of the great bible; the book of Mr. JEWELL'S 'works and of the twelve ſmall bibles, that none of them be de- 'faced or loſt. This is added becauſe five ſmall bibles have been 'loſt, and the firſt leaf of the genealogy hath been cut out of the 'great bible as it appeared to Mr. WORTER GOODWYN, dean of 'Chriſt-church in Oxford, the firſt time of viſitation here, the 'fourth day of September 1613. I have now for this time pro- 'vided five new ſmall bibles to make the number again twelve.'

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'*and religious poor parents, who ſhall diligently reſort to*
'*the ſaid church or chapel from time to time to divine ſer-*
'*vice, ſacraments and ſermons, Ten pounds*; amounting
'in the whole to the ſaid ſum of eighteen pounds.* And
'it is, at the humble ſuit of the ſaid Robert Smyth,
'further ordained and decreed, that the ſaid Chamber-
'lain ſhall retain in his hands yearly *Forty Shillings*,
'reſidue of the ſaid ſum of twenty pounds, to re-
'main in ſtock for repairing and garniſhing the
'ſchool-houſe there from time to time as occaſion
'ſhall require; and not to pay the ſame but upon
'needful occaſions teſtified by writing under the hands
'of the *Preaching-miniſter*, *Church-wardens* and *School-*
'*maſter* of Market-Harborough aforeſaid; and that
'if at any time or times hereafter, any intermiſſion
'or ceaſing of keeping ſchool there ſhall happen
'(except in time of God's viſitation by ſickneſs or
'upon any other urgent occaſion) then the payments
'of the ſaid ſums of money ſhall ceaſe, and
'ſhall be retained and remain wholly to the uſe
'of the mayor and commonalty, and citi-
'zens of the ſame city, during the times of ſuch
'intermiſſion or ceaſing. And it is further or-
'dained and decreed, that the payments ſhall be made
'in the *Chamber of London*, without taking or de-
'manding any thing for the ſame more than *four-*
'*pence* at each half-year to be paid to Mr. Chamber-
'lain's clerk at each half-yearly payment; and that
'the payments for repairing and garniſhing the ſchool
'as often as occaſion ſhall require, ſhall be there

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* 'I ordain (ſays Mr. Robert Smyth) that no ſcholar ſhall
'have any benefit from any thing contained in any of theſe writ-
'ings, that is younger than ſeven years or more than fifteen years
'of age.' This is dated 1608 June 1ſt. old regiſter page 64.

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'made alſo upon needful occaſions, to be teſtified 'under the hands of the *Preaching-miniſter*, *School-ma-* 'ſter and *Church-wardens* as before. And it is at the 'humble ſuit of the ſaid Robert Smyth, further or- 'dained and decreed, that after the death, or other 'departure of Mr. John Orpin, now ſchool-maſter 'there, the election of the School-maſter there ſhall 'be from henceforth for ever made in and by this 'court; that is to ſay by the Lord mayor and alder- 'men of this honourable city, for the time being, or 'the greater number of them; wherein his humble 'ſuit and deſire is, that it will pleaſe them to elect *A* 'godly, *honeſt*, *religious*, *learned School-maſter able ſuffici-* 'ently to teach Greek and Latin and Hebrew alſo; *if ſuch* 'a One may be found able and willing to accept that place; 'and he humbly deſireth, that before his admiſſion 'he may be examined by the Dean of Chriſt-church 'in Oxford aforeſaid, for the time being, and bring 'certificate from the ſame Dean teſtifying his ſuffici- 'ency.

'*Vera copia concordans cum*
'*Regiſtro teſte Johanne Weld*
'*Armigero et communi clerico*
'*civitatis London.*'

'WELD.'

'This is regiſtered in the Guildhall in London, 'and regiſtered or repoſed amongſt other writings in 'the cathedral church of Chriſt in Oxford in the cu- 'ſtody of the Dean and Chapter.'

'ROBERT SMYTH.'

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† This inſtrument is alſo preſerv'd in the old regiſter, upon pages 114—118, from which the above copy was taken; and there is alſo another engroſſed copy of it in the town cheſt.

wards

The ſaid Mr. ROBERT SMYTH purchaſed alſo an annuity of the city of London ' to be employed to-
' wards the maintenance of preaching two continued
' Lectures in the Chapel of the town of Harborough;
' that is to ſay by the preaching of the WORD to the
' the people agreeably with God's ordinance by his
' *Word* by a ſettled, godly, learned Miniſter in the
' town able to go in and out before the people, to
' lead them and keep them in the ways of GOD and
' Godlineſs, and to give them their ſpiritual food in
' due ſeaſon. †

His orders and directions concerning the Lectures are contained in the following orders or decrees of Court.

' *Viceſſimo ſecundo die Februarii* 1609, *Annoque Regni*
' *Regis* JACOBI *primi ſeptimo.*

'THIS day **Cornelius Fiſh**, chamberlain of the
' city of London, did here in open court acknow-
' ledge, that he received of ROBERT SMYTH, citizen,
' and merchant-taylor of London, the ſeventeenth day
' of this preſent month of February, the ſum of
' *Three Hundred pounds* of lawful money of England,
' which ſum of three hundred pounds the ſaid *Robert*
' *Smyth* here in open court acknowledged to have
' given and delivered unto the ſaid Chamberlain to the
' uſe of the Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of
' the city of London; for which it is, at the
' humble ſuit of the ſaid *Robert Smyth*, agreed, or-
' dained and decreed by this court, that the *Chamber-*
' *lain* of the ſaid city for the time being, ſhall yearly
' for ever hereafter, well and truly pay, or cauſe to
' be paid to ſuch godly, honeſt, learned and able

† See old regiſter page 59.

preaching

'Preaching-miniſter of the word of God, as ſhall 'from time to time be appointed and allowed by the 'Dean and Chapter of the cathedral church of Chriſt 'in Oxford of King Henry the VIII. his foundation, 'by whatſoever name, or names, they are, or hereaf-'ter ſhall be called, or known, to preach or read *one* '*Lecture* in the chapel at Market-Harborough, in the 'county of Leiceſter, upon every *Sabbath-day*, and '*one other Lecture* upon *every Tueſday* (being there the 'uſual market-day) the ſum of *Twenty Pounds* of law-'ful money of England, by equal half-yearly pay-'ments. **Provided** always, and it is, at the like 'humble ſuit of the ſaid Robert Smyth expreſly 'conditioned and agreed, that if the Sermons or Lec-'tures, upon the ſaid Sabbath-day or upon the ſaid 'Tueſday, ſhall at any time or times hereafter ceaſe or 'fail by the ſpace of *one month* together (except in time 'of God's viſitation, by ſickneſs, either upon the town 'or upon the preacher himſelf, or in the time of har-'veſt) that then the chamberlain of the ſaid city, 'for the time being, ſhall and may retain in his hands 'to the uſe of the ſaid mayor and commonalty and 'citizens, of the ſaid yearly payment of twenty pounds, 'for every month of ſuch ceaſing or failing, the ſum of 'thirty three ſhillings and four pence of lawful mo-'ney of England in the name of a pain. **And** pro-'vided alſo, that if the ſaid Sermons or Lectures ſhall 'wholly ceaſe, or that the religion, now profeſſed in 'this realm of England, ſhall be at any time hereaf-'ter changed, and the Romiſh religion ſhall be in this 'Realm again eſtabliſhed, that then, and from 'thenceforth, the payment of the ſaid ſum of twen-'ty pounds yearly ſhall wholly ceaſe, and the ſame 'ſhall be and remain wholly to the ſaid mayor and 'commonalty, and citizens, and their ſucceſſors ſo long

'as the ſame Romiſh religion ſhall continue. And 'it is further hereby agreed, ordained, and de-'creed, that the ſaid payment of twenty pounds year-'ly as before appointed to be paid to ſuch Preaching-'miniſter as before, ſhall be yearly made in the cham-'ber of London, by the chamberlain of the ſaid ci-'ty for the time being, by equal half-yearly pay-'ments to the ſame Preaching-miniſter, or to ſuch o-'perſon or perſons as ſhall be by him authorized by 'writing under his hand and ſeal for receipt of the 'ſame, without any delay, and without taking or de-'manding any thing for the ſame more than four 'pence to be paid to the chamberlain's clerk, for an 'acquittance for diſcharge of the ſaid chamberlain up-'on payment thereof.

'This is a true copy of a decree agreed upon at the court, holden in the chamber of the Guildhall of the city of London, the day and year above written, before Sir Thomas Cambell, knight, lord mayor of the city of London, and the aldermen of the ſame city.'

CORNELIUS FISH,
Chamberlain of the city of London.

Extract of an Order of Court dated 27th. *of September* 1610, *the* 8th. of James I.

'Sir Thomas Cambell, knight, lord mayor of the ci-'ty of London.'

'THIS day Cornelius Fiſh, chamberlain of the 'city of London in open court, did acknowledge that

'that he received of ROBERT SMYTH, citizen, and 'merchant-taylor of London, the ſum of *One hun-* 'dred pounds to the uſe of the mayor &c. of London, 'in conſideration of which ſum (and at the humble 'ſuit of the ſaid ROBERT SMYTH) the court agreed, 'and ordained, that the chamberlain for the time be- 'ing, ſhall yearly for ever hereafter pay, or cauſe to 'be paid, to ſuch able, godly miniſter, as ſhall be 'from time to time, appointed, and allowed by the 'Dean and Chapter of Chriſt-church in Oxford, to 'preach or read one lecture in the chapel of Market- 'Harborough upon every Sabbath-day, and one other 'lecture upon every Tueſday, the ſum of *Six Pounds* 'thirteeu ſhillings and *four* pence, over and beſide the 'Twenty Pounds (ordained by an order of this court 'dated 22d. of February 1609.) to be paid to the 'ſaid Miniſter for preaching the abovementioned two 'Lectures.

Jones Mayor, *Martis* XXVII. *die Februarii*, 1620, *Anno Regni Domini* JACOBI *Regis Angliæ &c. decimo octavo.*

'WHERE by two ſeveral orders of court, 'in the time of the late Mayoralty of Sir 'Thomas Cambell, knight, late Lord Mayor of this 'city; that is to ſay, The one the two and twentieth 'day of February, in the ſeventh year of the reign 'of our ſovereign lord *James* King of England, &c. 'and the other the ſeven and twentieth day of Sep- 'tember, in the eighth year of his Majeſty's reign, 'it was at the humble ſuit of the ſaid Robert Smyth, 'citizen, and merchant-taylor of London, ordained

and

'and decreed, for conſiderations in the ſame orders ex-
'preſſed, that the Chamberlain of the ſaid city for the
'time being ſhould yearly for ever afterwards pay, or
'cauſe to be paid to ſuch godly, honeſt, learned and able
'Preaching-miniſter of the word of God, as ſhould from
'time to time be appointed and allowed by the Dean and
'Chapter of the cathedral church of Chriſt in Ox-
'ford to preach, or read *One Lecture* in the chapel of
'Market-Harborough in the county of Leiceſter, up-
'on every *Sabbath-day*, and *One other Lecture upon*
'*every Tueſday* (being the uſual market-day) the
'ſum of XXVI *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.* of lawful money of
'England, by equal half-yearly payments; With
'Proviſo, that if the Sermons or Lectures upon the
'Sabbath-day or upon the Tueſday ſhould at any time
'or times afterwards ceaſe, or fail by the ſpace of
'one month together, (except in time of God's viſi-
'tation by ſickneſs, either upon the inhabitants of the
'town, or upon the preacher himſelf, or in the
'time of harveſt) that then the Chamberlain of the
'ſaid city for the time being ſhould and might retain
'in his hands to the uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Com-
'monalty and citizens, of the ſame yearly payment of
'XXVI *l.* XIII *s.* IV *d.* for every month of ſuch
'ceaſing or failing, the ſum of XXXIII *s.* IV *d.* of
'lawful money of England, in the name of a Pain; and
'with Proviſo alſo, that if the ſaid Sermons or Lectures
'ſhall wholly ceaſe, or that the religion now profeſſed
'in this realm of England ſhould be at any time
'afterward changed, and the Romiſh religion ſhould
'be again in this realm eſtabliſhed, that then and from
'thenceforth the payments ſhould wholly ceaſe, and
'the ſaid yearly payment or ſum of XXVI *l.* XIII *s.*
'IV *d.* ſhould be and remain wholly to the ſaid Mayor
'and Commonalty and citizens and their ſucceſſors, ſo

long

'long as the ſame Romiſh religion ſhould continue, 'as by the ſame ſeveral orders may appear.'

'It is now at the humble ſuit of the ſaid *Robert* 'Smyth declared, ordained and eſtabliſhed, that the 'yearly payment or ſum of XIII *l.* VI *s.* VIII*d.* 'parcel of the ſaid yearly payment of XXVI *l.* XIII *s* 'IV *d.* before ordained and decreed to be paid for, or 'in reſpect of the ſaid Sermons or Lectures, ſhall be 'for ever hereafter paid only in reſpect of the Sermon 'or Lecture to be preached in the chapel aforeſaid, eve-'ry Sabbath-day in the afternoon, betwixt two and ſix 'of the clock in the afternoon, upon every Sabbath-'day in the afternoon, and not for, or in reſpect of 'any Sermon or Lecture to be preach'd there in any 'forenoon upon any Sabbath-day, with and under the 'Proviſos reſpectively in the ſaid former orders con-'tained; and with this Proviſo further, that if any 'Sermon or Lecture upon any Sabbath-day in the af-'ternoon, or upon any Tueſday in the forenoon here-'after ſhall ceaſe or fail, (except in time of God's 'viſitation by ſickneſs, or in the time of harveſt as a-'foreſaid) that then the chamberlain of the ſaid city 'for the time being, upon notice thereof given, ſhall 'and may retain in his hands to and for the uſe of the 'ſaid Mayor and Commonalty and citizens of the 'ſame ſeveral yearly payments of XIII *l.* VI *s.* VIII *d.* 'reſpectively, for every time of ſuch ceaſing or fail-'ing, the ſum of ten ſhillings of lawful money of 'England in the name of a Pain.'

'And it is further declared, ordained and decreed, 'that the ſaid former orders (touching all other 'things therein contained) ſhall ſtand and remain in

full

'full force and ſtrength, any thing herein contained 'to the contrary notwithſtanding.'

'This is to be found regiſtered amongſt the records 'in the treaſury of the chamber of the Guildhall of 'the city of London, in the time of the mayoralty 'of Sir *Francis Jones*, knight, Lord Mayor of the 'city of London;' and alſo in Market-Harborough old regiſter-book, pages 93, 94.

THE END OF
MR. SMYTH's CHARITY.

THE

MR. Chriſtopher Shaw's CHARITY;

BEING

AN AUGMENTATION OF THE SCHOOL-MASTER's SALARY.

A. D. 1617, *October* 15*th*, 15*th of James* I.

'MR. **Chriſtopher Shaw** of the pariſh of Saint Benedict's, near Paul's-wharf London, by his laſt Will did give and deviſe *Three Pounds yearly to the School-maſter of the Free-School of Market-Harborough*, in the county *Leiceſter*, for the time being, and to his Succeſſors for ever, for his better eaſe and maintenance ſo long as the ſaid School continueth undiſſolved: but in caſe the ſaid School at any time hereafter be diſſolved and not remain as now it is; then my will and purpoſe is, and ſo I deviſe and bequeath, that the ſaid yearly penſion of Three pounds ſhall remain to the uſe of the poor of the pariſh of Market-Harborough for ever; the ſame to be paid by the *Company of the Embroider-*

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'ers of the city of London upon demand thereof, ‡ 'at the Broiderers hall in London, and this to be 'paid immediately after my deceaſe by quarterly pay-'ments at the four uſual feaſts of the year.

'*T. Regr. Curia Prerogativa Cant. Extract.*'*

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‡ We are informed by a memorandum in one of the Town-Books dated 1758, that the abovementioned ſum of *Three pounds per Annum is* '*iſſuing out of a Rent-charge of ten pounds a year,* '*charged upon an Eſtate lying at Chipſtead in the county of Surry,* '*and payable by the Worſhipful company of Broiderers London.*'

* The above Extract was taken from a copy in page 89 of the old regiſter.

Mr. Gabriel Barbor's

CHARITY;

COMMONLY CALLED

The Lottery-Gift.

A Very full and clear account of this charity, together with directions for it's application are contained in the following

*Abſtract of an Indenture of Conveyance dated June 27th A. D. 1622, the 20th of James I.**

'THIS Indenture is made between Elizabeth Procter of Market-Harborough in the 'county of Leiceſter, widow; Thomas Reynolds of 'the ſame town, yeoman; and Hellen Reynolds, and 'Sybill Reynolds, the daughters of Thomas Rey-'nolds of the one party; and Zaccheus Bunning, 'clerk, now preacher in the chapel of Market-Har-

* This indenture together with a letter of attorney, and two leaſes concerning this charity, are now tied up together and depoſited in the Pariſh-cheſt.

'borough aforeſaid; and Everard Boulton, yeoman; 'and Henry Launder, braſier, both of Harborough 'aforeſaid, now overſeers of the Poor of Market-'Harborough aforeſaid; William Smyth, mercer; 'John Worth, tallow-chandler; Henry Boult, inn-'holder; Richard Wilſhire, woollen-draper; Robert 'Buttrice, ſhoemaker; Robert Fyſh, yeoman; Wil-'liam Potterton, ſhoemaker; Thomas Atton, mer-'cer; and William Fyſh, woollen-draper, all of 'Market-Harborough aforeſaid, feoffees in truſt 'for, and on the behalf of the Preacher of the cha-'pel aforeſaid, and of the poor people inhabiting in 'the ſaid town of Market-Harborough of the other 'party.

'WHereas **Gabriel Barbor**, gentleman, late 'maſter or governor of the *Lottery* lately pla-'ced in the ſaid town of Market-Harborough by the 'hands of John Hant, gentleman (his deputy there-'in at the time of the raiſing and diſſolving the ſame 'Lottery) out of his pious and religious care and 'provi..nce of, and for the better maintenance and 'ſubſiſtence of the Preaching-miniſter of the cha-'pel of Market-Harborough for the time being for 'ever, and of the poor people inhabiting in Har-'borough alſo for ever, did freely and abſolutely give, 'and beſtow unto and upon the Inhabitants of the 'ſaid town of Harborough, the ſum of *Forty Pounds* 'of lawful money of England for the purchaſe of ſo 'much Land, &c. as might be bought with the ſum 'of Forty Pounds; two parts of which ſaid Forty 'Pounds in three parts divided was and is intended 'by the ſaid *Gabriel Barbor* to be to and for the better 'maintenance of the Preaching-miniſter of the ſaid 'chapel for the time being for ever; and the third

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'part thereof to and for the better relief of the Poor 'people inhabiting in Harborough aforeſaid for ever.

'NOW, for the due accompliſhing and perfecting of 'ſo good and charitable a work intended by the ſaid '*Gabriel Barbor*, THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH that the 'ſaid Elizabeth Procter, &c. for and in conſideration 'of the ſaid ſum of Forty pounds to them by Wil-'liam Ireland of Harborough aforeſaid, gentleman, 'and the aforeſaid John Worth (into whoſe hands 'the ſaid Forty pounds were delivered by the ap-'pointment of the ſaid *Gabriel Barbor* for the intent 'and purpoſes aforeſaid) well and truly in hand paid, 'the receipt whereof they the ſaid Elizabeth Procter '&c. do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bar-'gained, ſold, and by theſe preſents do enfeoff and 'confirm unto the ſaid Zaccheus Bunning, clerk; 'Everard Boulton, &c. &c. ALL that cottage or tene-'ment * with the appurtenances in Market-Harbo-'rough aforeſaid, now, or late in the tenure of Rich-'ard Harper, a currier, ſituate and being between 'the cloſe of the Right Honourable Charles Lord 'Stanhope, in the tenure of Henry Boult on the 'South-ſide, and the cloſe of Hutch-'enſon of London, vintner, in the tenure of Rich-'ard Shuter, on the North-ſide; and all ‡ that Croft

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* This cottage or tenement is at the North-end of the town on the Eaſt-ſide of the ſtreet, and is now in the tenure of John Nicholds, weaver; another part of it adjoining to the South-ſide is now ruinous and uninhabited. See page 52 No. XIV.

‡ This croft or cloſe has been converted into a garden, which is bounded on the Eaſt by the road to Great-Bowden; on the Weſt by the abovementioned cottage; on the North by a cloſe of Mr. Edmund French's; and on the South-ſide by ſeveral tenements on the North-ſide of Great-Bowden lane. It is now in the occupa-

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'or Close adjoining to the said Cottage lying also between the said close of the Lord Stanhope on the South-side, and the said close of the said Hutchenson, on the North-side; and also all and singular houses, edifices, &c. **To have and to hold** the aforesaid cottage or tenement and close, and all and singular the premises aforesaid, unto the aforesaid Zaccheus Bunning now preacher of the said chapel, and to the said Everard Boulton, &c. &c. their heirs and assigns, and to the succeeding Preaching-ministers of the said chapel of Market-Harborough aforesaid, and overseers of the poor of Market-Harborough for the time being for ever, to the uses, intents and purposes in these presents mentioned and expressed; that is to say *two parts* of the rents of the beforementioned premises (into three parts divided) to the only proper use and behoof of the *Preaching-minister* of the Chapel of Market-Harborough aforesaid, for the time being for ever, and the *Third part* thereof to the use and behoof of the *Poor people* inhabiting in Market-Harborough aforesaid, to be disposed amongst them at and by the discretion of the overseers for the Poor of Market-Harborough aforesaid, for the time being for ever.

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tion of Josias Hales, gardener, who used to pay 1 *l.* 5 *s.* per annum for it to the Reverend Richard Parry, D. D. the present Preaching-minister of this town.

*** Some people are still of opinion, that the new built tenement, now in the tenure of John Nicholds (mentioned in the Rent-Roll page 51 and page 52, No. XIV, is part of the Town-Estate; and that that cottage or tenement only adjoining to the South-side of it, now in ruins, belongs to the *Lottery-gift* abovementioned; if this is true, the tenement in Lubenham-lane mentioned at the bottom of the Rent-Roll page 51, was left by some person or persons unknown, and should accordingly be classed with those in page 66.

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MR. Richard Weſton's CHARITY;

BEING A GIFT TO THE CHURCH AND SCHOOL.

THE diſcovery of this Charity is owing to mere chance; for when I was looking over the Pariſh-cheſt in ſearch of materials for this collection, I found a piece of paper on which were written theſe words, viz. on one ſide '*Mr. Weſton's Gift to the Church and School,*' and on the other, '*The gift of Mr. Weſton to the Church and School given by Will which is at Toſitor,*' Having never before heard the leaſt mention made of any perſon of that name, as a benefactor to this town, my curioſity was thereby ſtrongly excited; and ſoon afterwards, amidſt a vaſt heap of writings in the greateſt confuſion, I found an indenture by which the houſe adjoining to the South-ſide of the Bell-Inn was conveyed to one *Richard Weſton* of Paulerſperry in the county of Northampton, yeoman; and immediately recollecting that this very houſe is the property of the School-maſter for the time being, I was encouraged to continue my ſearch in hopes of making ſome further diſcoveries of this gift, and I was not diſappointed; for after many hours cloſe employment I found

found the Indentures of Conveyance of the undermentioned houſes &c. to the ſaid *Richard Weſton* of Paulersperry, in the county of Northampton.—The dates when he purchaſed the ſeveral houſes, &c. and the perſons he purchaſed them of, are as follows.

1632, *July 4th. 8th of Charles I.* The aforeſaid *Richard Weſton* purchaſed of George Potterton of Market-Harborough, ſhoemaker; of Joan his Wife, and of Margaret Potterton his ſole daughter for the ſum of *Twenty Pounds*, All that meſſuage, cottage or tenement with the appurtenances ſituate in Harborough aforeſaid in the tenure of the ſaid George Potterton &c. between a tenement of William Potterton's on the North-ſide, and a tenement of William Sprigg of the South-ſide and alſo *Commons* and *Common of Paſture*, for *One Cow* and *Five Sheep* within the Fields, &c. of Great-Bowden. See the annexed ſcheme No. 2.

1634 *October 4th, 10th of Charles I.* The aforeſaid *Richard Weſton* purchaſed of Richard Harper, citizen and ſtationer of London, and of Ann his wife for the ſum of *Twenty Pounds*, All that meſſuage, cottage or tenement and Croft or Cloſe of paſture thereunto adjoining with the appurtenances, ſituate in Harborough aforeſaid between a tenement in the tenure of John Frauncis on the North-ſide, and a tenement in the tenure of Myles Coleman on the South-ſide, together with *Commons* and *Common of Paſture* for *One Cow* and *Five Sheep* within the pariſh and fields of Great-Bowden. See the annexed ſcheme No. 4.

1639 *June 21ſt. 15th of Charles I.* The aforeſaid *Richard Weſton* purchaſed of John Frauncis† of Har-

† *John Frauncis.*] See Pages 56 and 57 of this book.

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borough aforeſaid labourer, for the ſum of *Twenty two pounds*, *All that Cloſe of Paſture*, with the appurtenances lying and being in Market-Harborough aforeſaid, containing by eſtimation *Three Roods*, in the tenure of Chriſtopher Roby, and late belonging to the meſſuage or tenement wherein the ſaid John Frauncis now inhabiteth. See the annexed ſcheme No. 3.

1641 *June 1ſt 17th of Charles I.* The aforeſaid *Richard Weſton* purchaſed of William Potterton of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, ſhoemaker, for the ſum of *Twenty ſeven Pounds* and *Five Shillings*, All that cottage or tenement, with the appurtenances ſituate in Market-Harborough aforeſaid (in the tenure of Richard Webſter) between a cottage or tenement of George Potterton deceaſed of the South-part, and a meſſuage or inn called the Bell, in the tenure of William Johnſon of the North-part, the King's highway or ſtreet being on the Eaſt, and a garden of the ſaid William Johnſon on the Weſt-part. See the annexed ſcheme No. .1 ‡

Now the ſituation of theſe ſeveral houſes, &c. abovementioned may be readily aſcertained by the following ſcheme, which is confirmed by the teſtimony of ſeveral ancient aſſeſſments.

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‡ Theſe ſeveral purchaſe deeds or conveyances, together with many other old inſtruments relative thereto, are now tied up together and depoſited in the Pariſh-cheſt.

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The SCHEME.

A Close No. 4 *Dr. Parry's*		*A Close* No. 3 *Garden*				
Miles Coleman	No. 4 *Richard Harper*	John Frauncis	William Sprigg	No. 2. *George Potterton*	No. 1. *William Potterton*	Bell-Inn William Johnson
Mrs. Goward Currier	*The Rev. Dr. Parry.*	Mrs. Walker	Widow Buſwell	*Dr. Parry's Stable*	*James Chapman*	Mr. Moſes Berry

Lubenham-lane NORTH.

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The *Town-Street* EAST.

Joan Awſtin, Widow.			
No. 6.		No. 5.	
Widow Johnſon,	*Richard Barrowe's,*	*Richard Thorp,*	
Richard Mold, Dyer.		*Mr Joſeph Thornton Tanner.*	

This joins the South-ſide of the above Scheme at A B.

Waſte Ground, River Welland, South.

The meſſuage or cottage No. 4. was ſome time ago divided into two Dwellings, which were late in the tenure of Edward Hunt, deceaſed, and Matthew Farthing; but in the year 1760 it was rebuilt, and the cloſe No. 4. and the other cloſe thereunto adjoining mark'd No. 3. were converted into a Garden by the Rev. Richard Parry D. D. the preſent Preaching-miniſter of this town in whoſe occupation they now are.

The cottage or tenement mark'd No. 2 was heretofore a public-houſe known by the name of the Croſs-keys, and late in the tenure of widow Dexter, deceaſed; but ſome time ago the Rev. Dr. Parry fitted it up for a ſtable, and has it at this time in his own occupation.

The cottage or tenement No. 1. is now in the tenure of James Chapman, cooper; who is tenant to the preſent School-maſter.

This is the beſt account I have been able to collect of this Charity; but here it ought to be obſerved, that we are ſtill ignorant upon what terms and conditions, and under what limitations and reſtrictions it was given; as alſo of the proportions in which the Donor has ordered and directed it to be divided between the Miniſter and School-maſter; * which ſeveral particulars, I imagine, would be ſupplied by a *Copy* of the *Donor's Will*, if it could be procured.

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* For this reaſon amongſt others, we have cauſe to lament that this method of publiſhing our Charities, was not put in practice long ago. See pages 58 and 67 of this book.

Mrs. Joan Awstin's

CHARITY.

THIS Charity is a Rent-charge of 24 *Shillings per Annum*, iſſuing out of an *Antient Cottage or Tenement*, ſituate in *Market-Harborough*, now the property and in the occupation of *Mr. Joſeph Thornton*, Tanner; and out of *two little Tenements* adjoining to the South-ſide of the ſaid antient Cottage, now the property of *Richard Mold*, Dyer; who each of them Annually pay 12 Shillings of the ſaid Rent-charge, to purchaſe Shoes for poor People, according to the directions and appointments of the Donor; which are particularly expreſſed in the following

Extracts from an Indenture of Conveyance bearing date 1679, *Dec.* 20*th. the* 31*ſt. of Charles* II. § "

'**This Indenture** made between William Healy 'of *Market-Harborough*, Gentleman, of the one part, 'and Richard Thorp, of Harborough aforeſaid,

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§ The original Indenture of Conveyance, from which theſe Extracts were taken, is now in the Cuſtody of the above-mentioned Mr. JOSEPH THORNTON, Tanner.

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'Tanner, of the other part; **Witneſseth** that the ſaid 'William Healy, for and in conſideration of the 'ſum of *&c.* ——————" hath granted, bargain-'ed, ſold, and by theſe preſents doth grant bar-'gain, and ſell, *&c.* to the ſaid Richard Thorp, '*All* that Antient Cottage or Tenement, with the 'Appurtenances ſituate and being in Harborough 'aforeſaid; wherein the ſaid Richard Thorp doth 'now inhabit and dwell, and all thoſe two little 'Tenements or Dwelling-Houſes, with their Ap-'purtenances ſituate and being alſo in Harborough 'aforeſaid, ſtanding next and adjoining to the South-'ſide of the ſaid Meſſuage or Tenement,* and now in 'the ſeveral Tenures of Richard Barrows, and 'Widow Johnſon, together with all and ſingular 'Houſes, Edifices, Buildings, Barns, *&c.* — ex-'cept and always reſerved unto the ſaid William 'Healy, his Heirs and Aſſigns, the Annual or yearly 'Payment of the Sum of *Twenty-Four Shillings* of good 'and lawful Money of England, to be yearly 'iſſuing and paid out of the ſaid Premiſſes, by the 'ſaid Richard Thorp, his Heirs and Aſſigns, on the '*Nine and Twentieth Day of September yearly*, for the 'providing of *Twelve pair of Shoes* yearly for ever, 'for *Twelve poor People* of Harborough aforeſaid; ac-'cording to the Gift and Appointment of **Joan Aw-'ſtin**‡ Widow, the former owner and poſſeſſor of the 'ſaid premiſſes, **To have and to hold** all the ſaid Cot-

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* Theſe Premiſes are marked No. 5, and 6. in the foregoing Scheme, page 96, which ſhews their true Situation.

‡ It appears from an Entry in Page 253, of the Old Regiſter; that "*Joan Awſtin Widow, was buried June 15th, A. D.* 1677.',

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'tage or Tenement, and two little Tenements and o-
'ther the Premſies with their Appurtenances (except
'before excepted) unto the ſaid Richard Thorp, his
'Heirs and Aſſigns &c.

'And the ſaid Richard Thorp for himſelf, his
'Heirs Executors, Adminiſtrators and Aſſigns
'and every of them, doth covenant, promiſe and
'grant to and with the ſaid William Healy his Heirs
'and Aſſigns, and every of them by theſe preſents,
'in manner and form following; that is to ſay, that
'he the ſaid Richard Thorp, his Heirs, Executors or
'Aſſigns, or ſome of them, ſhall and will on the
'*Nine and Twentieth Day* of *September* yearly for ever
'well and duly pay out of the ſaid bargained Premiſes
'the ſaid *Twenty four Shillings* to the ſaid William
'Healy, his Heirs or Aſſigns for the Uſe and pur-
'poſe in the exception herein before-mentioned, limit-
'ted and appointed.

'And further, that if it ſhall happen at any
'time or times hereafter the ſaid yearly ſum ſhall be
'behind, and unpaid by the ſpace of *Twenty Days*
'next after the ſame is become due (being lawfully
'demanded) that then it ſhall and may be lawful to
'and for the ſaid William Healy, his Heirs or Aſ-
'ſigns, unto the ſaid bargained Premiſes or any part
'thereof to enter and diſtrain, and the diſtreſs and diſ-
'treſſes thereto had and taken, to lead, drive, chaſe, and
'carry away, and the ſame with him and them, to
'detain and keep until the ſaid yearly Payment with

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‘ the Arrears thereof (if any be) to the ſaid William
‘ Healy his Heirs or Aſſigns be well and duly ſatisfied
‘ and paid: Theſe preſents, or any thing therein to
‘ the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding. **In Wit-**
‘ **neſs whereof,** *&c.*

ABI, ET TU FAC SIMILITER!

LUKE X, V. 37.

THE END OF
THE CHARITIES.

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Donations.

1 JOHN of GAUNT, duke of Lancaſter, king of Caſtile and Leon, fourth ſon of *Edward* III. King of England, &c. has been pointed out by a very antient tradition of the inhabitants of this town for the founder of our Parochial chapel; which further informs us, that it was built in conſequence of an injunction from the Pope, as part of a penance for maintaining a criminal converſation with *Katharine Swynford* afterwards his third wife.‡ This chapel is dedicated to St. Dionyſius the *Areopagite*.*

2 WILLIAM NEEL of Harborough, by his laſt Will bearing date the 25th of November 1439, bequeath'd to *St. Mary's Church* VI *s.* and VIII *d.*; to the *Chapel* of *Harborough* VI *s.* and VIII *d.*; and to the repairs of *Large-Bridge* III *s.* and IV *d.*†

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‡ This tradition is greatly ſtrengthened by ſome obſervations I drew up in the year 1765 upon ſome coats of arms, that were formerly in the windows of this chapel; from a due conſideration of which, and other remarks contained in the ſame paper (which was publiſhed in the Gentleman's magazine for June 1765) it may with a great degree of probability be concluded, that the chapel was built about A. D. 1370 by the aforeſaid John of Gaunt.

* Burton's deſcription of Leiceſterſhire. 1622, p. 128, folio; alſo Magna Britannia, &c. 1714, p. 1340, quarto.

† This Will is ſtill preſerved in the Pariſh-cheſt. Money was at that time worth about eight times it's preſent value.

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3 JONATHAN JENKINSON, gentleman, gave to the chapel of Harborough a large *Clock* and a ſet of *Chimes*, as appear'd from ſome old verſes fixed under the dial of the ſaid clock which begun thus§

' *Jonathan Jenkinſon, gentleman, of his benignity,*
' *Did give this Clock and Chimes which here erected be.*

4 Mr. ROBERT SMYTH A. D. 1608 gave *Twelve Bibles* buffed and boſſed ' to be kept continually in ' the chapel, and to be from time to time delivered ' immediately before the time of publick prayer, and ' preaching in the chapel, to ſuch as can read, and ' ſhall be willing and diligent hearers of the WORD ' preached. ' †

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§ There is a bond in the Pariſh-cheſt dated *14th of April* 1602 *44th of Elizabeth*, by which Jeoffery Palmer, mercer, and William Taylor, both of Harborough, oblige themſelves and their ſucceſſors, the townſmen of Harborough aforeſaid, to pay VI *s.* and VIII *d.* to John Lea of Lutterworth, clock-maker, yearly, in the South-porch of the chapel of Harborough, if the ſaid John Lea ſhall well and ſufficiently repair and amend the clock and chimes belonging to the ſame, being in the chapel of Harborough in all things needful (except ropes) and make and keep the ſaid chimes in as *good, ſweet, ſolemn, and perfect tune of muſick*, as ever the ſame was, at the ſight and judgment of a ſkilful man in muſick to be choſen by the townſmen of Harborough. This clock and chimes being thoroughly worn out, were taken down about forty years ago, and the preſent clock with quarters put up in their ſtead.

† To theſe there is one bible to be annually added (See page 76 of this book.) April the 8th 1751, there were but *forty* of theſe bibles in the chapel, and April the 2d. 1768 there were but *thirty ſix* of Mr. Smyth's bibles there. To prevent their number from decreaſing for the future, I would humbly recommend the following words to be impreſſed upon each bible to be added to thoſe already in the church, *viz.* THE GIFT OF Mr. ROBERT SMYTH, 1768, TO THE CHAPEL OF MARKET-HARBOROUGH, No. 37.

5 Mr.

5 Mr. ROBERT SMYTH the ſame year, gave a parchment *Regiſter-Book* to this pariſh very ſtrongly bound, buffed and boſſed; in which he had moſt of the ſettlements of his own benefactions engroſſed. In the 71ſt. page of this Regiſter is the following memorandum.

'Foraſmuch as former regiſters have been either 'negligently loſt or wilfully imbezzled, it is now time 'to be warned that this paſs no further from the 'cheſt, than the length of a chain will ſuffer it. If 'there ſhall be cauſe (for teſtimony of truth) to uſe 'any thing contained in it, in any parts elſewhere, 'that may be ſupplied by a copy examined and teſti-'fied, and the book remain ſtill in the cheſt.'

'ROBERT SMYTH.'†

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† This regiſter was accompanied alſo with the following *curious* Letter.

'To my brethren and loving friends Mr. Edward Still, miniſter 'of the Word of GOD, and all other the inhabitants of the town of 'Market-Harborough in Leiceſterſhire.'

'BRethren, (ſo I call you all) but eſpecially thoſe amongſt 'you who with ſincere hearts believe, and love the *Lord 'Jeſus Chriſt*, and expreſs the ſame in their lives and converſati-'ons; if there be any other, (I pray GOD there be none) 'he hardly yet deſerveth the name of a brother: (I pray GOD 'frame his heart aright.) Brethren (I ſay) I lately ſent you the 'table whereof mention is before made; I now ſend you this 'book (partly your own before) with additions, and bound (as you 'may ſee) as another token of my love; (whether my laſt or no I 'cannot tell, GOD knoweth.) I expect no other recompence or ſatis-'faction for this, or any thing elſe you have received from me, but 'that you hear, underſtand, believe and follow the counſel of that

6 Mr.

6 Mr. ROBERT SMYTH, in the year 1614, founded the Free-School in this town, and his particular directions for the conducting the building thereof may be ſeen on pages 72 and 73 of this book.

7 Five of the bells in the Chapel-ſteeple were recaſt between the years 1608 and 1614, as appears from the town accounts of thoſe dates incluſive, and

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'great counſellor, who ſaid, *If you love me keep my commandments.* 'and again, *By this ſhall all men know that ye be my diſciples, if ye* 'love one another; love one another (I pray you brethren) mini-'ſter and people, love GOD, love your brethren; and leſt 'any ſhould imagine that I exclude or neglect the other ſex, I in-'clude ſiſters alſo, and write unto them and to you all; (we all 'are, or all ſhould be brothers and ſiſters in *Chriſt*, our elder bro-'ther) love GOD (I ſay) and love one another. If I ſhould but 'copy out thoſe things which are written in the Holy Book of 'GOD concerning love, I am perſwaded I might almoſt fill this 'book, and leave you very little room for ought elſe. Having 'formerly written to you of other things, now for that (I fear and 'partly hear) love is wanting amongſt you: I will not here o-'vercharge nor confound your memories; I write of nothing elſe 'but love, and that this *love-letter* may continue the better, I 'have (in love unto you) cauſed it to be engroſſed and have ſub-'ſcribed it in this book, beſeeching the LORD, that his love may 'be largely extended towards you; and your love kindled, increaſ-'ed, ſtrengthened and expreſſed towards him, and towards one an-'other; and that he in his wiſdom and providence will frame your 'hearts, ſo that (as obedient children to your heavenly Father which 'is the God of love) you and yours may at all times from henceforth 'continue in love: and ſo in love I leave you, and take my leave of 'you (whether for a time, or for ever, I cannot tell, GOD know-'eth) The GOD of love bleſs you all, eſpecially with ſpiritual 'bleſſings in heavenly things.

'ROBERT SMYTH.'

'LONDON, this ſixth of September 1608.'

Old regiſter, pages 69 and 70.

alſo by the motto's ‡ upon the bells by the famous Mr.

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‡ The motto's upon the bells are as under.

I. There is no motto upon this bell, but upon the body of it, are ſeveral impreſſions of Queen Elizabeth's ſix-pences, one of which is very fair and legible, and bears date 1567.

II. PRAISE THE LORDE. 1613.

III. OMNIA . FIANT . AD . GLORIAM . DEI . GLORIA . PATRI . FILIO . ET SPIRITUO . SANCTO. T. EAYRE. KET. 1740

IV. GOD SAUE THE KING. 1609.

V. CELORVM . CHRISTE . PLATIAT . TIBE . REX . SONVS . ISTE . 1614.

VI. GOD SAUE THE KINGE. 1613.

The Dimenſions of the above *Bells* are as follows, *viz.*

No.	Diameter	From Shoulder to Skirt	Thickneſs
	F. I.	*F. I.*	*I. T.*
I.	2 8	1 11 1/8	2
II.	3 0	2 2 1/4	2 .4
III.	3 1 1/2	2 2 1/2	2 .5
IV.	3 4 1/2	2 4 1/2	2 .3
V.	3 8	2 8	2 .7
VI.	4 0 3/4	2 11 1/8	3 .1

*** The 5th. and 6th. are eſteemed by Judges good Bells; the laſt of which is computed to weigh about one Ton.

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Watts and one Narum (*his colleague or partner I ſuppoſe*) of Leiceſter, the expence of which and of the framing was at firſt defrayed by a ſubſcription of the inhabitants, who were repaid again by half-yearly payments of ten pounds each, out of the Town-eſtate. It is thought that ſeveral of the old bells were brought from St. Mary's in Arden.

8 'The Reverend ZACHARY JENKINSON, Rector of Tighe in the county of Rutland, in the year 1620, gave theſe books underwritten to the uſe of the miniſter of Harborough for the time being, viz.

Bernardi opera omnia, *Folio.*
Beza opuſcula, 1 *Vol. in Folio.*
All Perkins's Works, 3 *Vol. Folio.*'

Old Regiſter, page 295.

9 In the Pariſh-cheſt is an indenture bearing date the *20th of January* 1623, *the 21ſt of James* I. by which Hellenor Bunning of Market-Harborough, widow, executrix of the laſt will and teſtament of Zaccheus Bunning late of Harborough aforeſaid, clerk, deceaſed, for and in conſideration of the ſum of eleven pounds to her the ſaid Hellenor Bunning by Robert Cooper and William Potterton, churchwardens of Harborough aforeſaid, and William Smyth and Robert Buttrice townſmen there, and other the inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid in hand paid, doth bargain and ſell unto the ſaid Robert Cooper, William Potterton, William Smyth and Robert Buttrice, All and ſingular ſuch books whoſe names be particularly mentioned in a catalogue in the Pariſh-cheſt, To have and to hold all and every the ſaid books unto the ſaid Robert Cooper, William Potter-

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ton, William Smyth, and Robert Buttrice, and the ſucceeding church-wardens and townſmen of Harborough aforeſaid, and their aſſigns to their and every of their proper uſes and behoofs for ever.

Of theſe books and others, which have been given to this town the following only are remaining, *viz.*

In the Veſtry.

Gloſa ordinaria cum expoſitione, &c. ſuper libros, Job. Pſalter. Proverb. &c. *Tert. pars, black let.*

Eraſmus's paraphraſe on the Four Goſpels, *Folio*, black letter, (chained)*

Bp. Jewell's anſwer to Mr. Harding, and his apology of the Church of England with his defence of the ſame, *Fol.* (chained)

The ſame book with his Sermons and other Tracts well buſſed and boſſed, *Fol.*

Novum Teſtamentum, Gr. 24's

The above want Title-pages.

In the Free- School.

Cooperi Theſaurus Linguæ Rom. et Brit. *fol.* 1565

Biblia Sacra, Lat. *Tremellio et Junio, 4to.* 1585

10 Mr. Henry Coleman gave the *Communion Rails*, as we are informed by a writing which hangs in the Veſtry-room, of which the following is a copy.

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* The Book of Injunctions, whereby King *Edward* VIth's viſitors were to govern their firſt Royal viſitation, orders 'that within Twelve Months after this viſitation *Eraſmus's Paraphraſe on the Four Goſpels* be provided, and conveniently placed in the Church for the people to read therein.' *Johnſon's Hiſtorical Account of the ſeveral Engliſh Tranſlations of the Bible.* 8vo. 1730, page 59.

To the above may be added *The Practice of a Juſtice of Peace, 2 vol.* 8vo. compiled and publiſhed, under the direction of *Lord Ward, by T. Cunningham*, Eſq; — In the firſt volume is wrote *Harborough March 12th.* 1762. *This Book with the ſecond Volume*

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'The rails erected about the Communion table in 'this chancel were the free gift of Mr. Henry Cole-'man an apothecary of Market-Harborough in the 'year of our Lord 1701, and in the firſt year of the 'reign of our ſovereign Lady *Queen Anne*.'

11 The Reverend THOMAS COCKS gave to this pariſh an *Octavo Bible* neatly bound and gilt, with ſilver claſps and boſſes; upon the cover are impreſſed the following words, DONVM REUEREND. THO. COCKS RECT. DE SADDINGTO. No.

This bible (is now in the Rev. Dr. Parry's pew, and) was printed in 1703.

12 Mr. SAMUEL ROUSE, a draper of this town, in the year 1729 painted the preſent clock-dial upon the ſteeple at his own proper coſt.

13 The Right Honourable BENNET SHERRARD, Earl of Harborough &c. (who died 16th of October 1732) left *Ten Pounds* to the poor of this pariſh, which ſum was paid by his ſteward to Mr. John Harper and Mr. Samuel Rouſe, churchwardens, (when his Lordſhip's corpſe was brought through here with very great funeral pomp) and was by them diſtributed accordingly.

14 The Rev. ROBERT ATKINS, clerk, many years maſter of the Free-ſchool in this town, who died 23d of December 1736, left *Five Pounds* to the poor of this pariſh.

15 Mr. ROBERT BRICE SHUTER, ſometime a dra-

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was provided at the Expence of the Pariſh for the Inſtruction of Pariſh Officers.

Richard Preeſt, } Overſeers of the Poor.
Moſes Berry, }

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per of this town, who died at Braybrook 10th September 1744, left *Five Pounds* to the poor of this pariſh.

16 In the year 1744 the Sun-fire Inſurance Office gave *ſix Guineas* to this town towards purchaſing one of Meſſrs. Newſham and Ragg's fifth ſized engines for extinguiſhing fires, which was accordingly done, and the remainder of the money amounting to upwards of fifty pounds, was raiſed by a voluntary ſubſcription amongſt the inhabitants. About twelve months before, the inhabitants of this town had purchaſed of Thomas Sprigg of Oundle a ſmaller engine for thirty pounds and paid for it by a ſubſcription. To each of theſe Engines belongs a Leather Pipe Forty Yards long with Screws to fit each other, which were purchaſed with the Engines.

17 The Rev. GEORGE PERIAM, miniſter; Mr. EDMUND FRENCH and Mr. SAMUEL ROUSE, churchwardens, gave a handſome *Crimſon Velvet Cuſhion*, trimmed with a gold and ſilk fringe and taſſels, with a cover for the ſame, for the pulpit. This cuſhion coſt *5 l. 6 s. 3 d.*

18 In the year 1751 and 1752, the chapel was new pew'd in a neat, regular and convenient manner; a handſome new pulpit erected; the floor new paved; the old ſcreen next the chancel removed, which was ſupplied by a fine turned ſemi-eliptical arch fifteen feet ſix inches ſpan, neatly caſed with ſtucco, and other improvements made; the expence of which amounted to about *Two hundred and forty Pounds*, near two hundred pounds of which was raiſed by a voluntary ſubſcription of the inhabitants according to their ſeveral abilities.

19 Mrs.

19 Mrs. ELIZABETH WALKER, a maiden lady of this town, in the year 1753, gave *Twenty pounds* towards purchaſing a neat ſet of *Communion Plate.* A Set was accordingly purchaſed, conſiſting of a flaggon, two plates, and a cup; on each of which is engraved DEO ET ECCLESIÆ. They coſt about thirty four pounds which was paid thus, the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, twenty pounds, the old pewter flaggon, and two old ſilver cups, ten pounds, and the remainder by the pariſh.

The aforeſaid Mrs. ELIZABETH WALKER ſometime before this, gave to the chapel a very handſome *Damaſk Table-Cloth* and *Napkin* to be uſed at the celebration of the Holy Communion.

20 In the year 1757 the chancel was new paved with fine Ketton-ſtone; the area within the altar rails with regular quarries of the ſame ſtone, ornamented at each corner with ſmall quarries of black ſlate; the walls of this area lined with wainſcot, and ſeveral other improvements were then made by the REV. RICHARD PARRY, D. D. Preaching-miniſter of the Chapel, to which improvements ſeveral of the inhabitants ſubſcribed very liberally.

21 Mr. JOHN HANDS, a draper of this town, gave *Twenty-four Leather-Buckets* to this town, to be uſed occaſionally at fires, on condition that he be excuſed ſerving the office of overſeer of the poor.

RECONDITE VOBIS THESAURUS IN CŒLO.
MATTHEW vi, 20.

THE END OF THE DONATIONS.

APPENDIX.

A COPY *of a* DECREE *iſſued out of the High Court of Chancery, the* 13*th. of* CHARLES I. *confirming to the Proprietors of certain ancient Cottages in Harborough, and their Tenants, &c. their Rights of Commons, Acre-hades, &c. in the Fields of Great-Bowden.*

61ª *part Rotu Indice Tempore R.ſ Car.*

WHEREAS before this time (that is to ſay) the 14th day of February, Anno Dom. 1636 John Parſons of Market-Harborough in the county of Leiceſter, glover, and Edward Green of the ſaid Town and County, as well for, and on the behalf of themſelves, as of all the reſt of the tenants and Inhabitants of any ancient Cottage in Market-Harborough aforeſaid, Complainants, did exhibit their Bill of Complaint into this Honorable Court of Chancery, againſt John Johnſon, Auguſtine Fiſh, and William Hallioke, Defendants, declaring by the ſame that the ſaid Town of Market-Harborough was an ancient Market-town ſituate in, and adjoining to the fields of Bowden-magna in the ſaid county of Leiceſter, and had no fields belonging to it; and that the ſaid Complainants, and the reſt of the Inhabitants of Harbo-

rough aforeſaid had, time whereof the memory of Man was not to the contrary, had Common for their Kine, Sheep, Horſes, and other Cattle, within the Fields, Liberties, Territories, and Precincts of Bowden-magna aforeſaid; and that there were *Three-ſcore and twelve Ancient Cottages*, within the town of Harborough aforeſaid, whereunto there did time out of mind belong *Three-ſcore and twelve Cow-Paſtures, and one Paſture for a Bull* to go with, and amongſt the ſaid Kine in the ſaid fields of Bowden-magna, upon May-day yearly, and from thence until Midſummer then next enſuing, in the fields and places of Great-Bowden aforeſaid, in manner and form following, (*viz.*) When the South-Field of Great-Bowden aforeſaid was Wheat-field, or Peas-field, then the Cow-Paſture for the ſaid Inhabitants of the ſaid Ancient Cottages in Harborough aforeſaid, for the ſaid three-ſcore and twelve Kine and Bull, did begin at the Horſe-fair-leys lying on the back-ſide of Harborough aforeſaid near to the ſaid Town, and did go from thence down to the Brook, and ſo along after the Brook-ſide to Large Bridge, and from thence to Sawtry Bridge, and ſo up by Lubenham-Brook to a Plain called Penny-Farm; and that they had time out of mind held this paſture every year when the ſaid South-field was Corn-field, and was ſowed either with white Corn or Peaſe, upon May-day or ſo ſoon after as they pleaſed to put their Kine to paſture, and from thence until Midſummer-day, then next following, and upon that day alſo, until the evening of the ſame day, and then their Cow-paſture was enlarged; and that upon the Evening of Midſummer-day they had uſed, time out of mind, to go in the Fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid called Gilbert's Slade whether it was eaten or not, and the morrow after that in the ſame fields called Tenter-Leys, whether eaten or not, and from thence to the Bull-

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Piece, and then to the Moor, or elſewhere *where the Herd's-man could get in after Rake or Stake*; and then they did common in the ſaid South-field, and in the Gallow-Field, when it was ſeverall at Open-tide, in a place called Toecraft.

And the ſaid Complainants alſo ſhew'd, that they, and the reſt of the Inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid, had time out of mind had the like Common for the ſaid Kine in the Gallow-Field of Great-Bowden aforeſaid, when the ſame was Wheat-field and Peaſe-field, and were to enter upon May-day, or ſo ſoon after as they pleaſed, and that they were to begin at the end of one Dennis Clark's Ley and ſo down Harborough Cow-Paſture between Toecraft on the North, and a Furlong of Lands on the South, as far as the Lord's-Balk did ſhoot at the Eaſt-end of Harborough Cow-Paſture; and then after Midſummer-day the ſaid Paſture was always enlarged, and then their Kine followed the Rake and Stake where the Herd could come into the ſame Gallow-field, and into Toecraft, and in certain other places called Gaſwel-ſick and Coomes, and in all other places in the ſame Gallow-field, and in the Over-field where the Herd could come in after Rake and Stake as aforeſaid.

And that they the ſaid Complainants, and the reſt of the Inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid, being Owners of the ſaid Seventy-two ancient Cottages, had time out of mind had and kept within the Fallow-field of Bowden-magna aforeſaid *Eighteen-ſcore Sheep* all the Year, to and for every of the ſaid Ancient Cottages *Five Sheep Commons* to be kept and depaſtured in the ſaid Fallow-fields of Bowden-magna aforeſaid, and after that Harveſt was in, then in the other Fields according to the Cuſtom there uſed in

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the ſaid Field of Bowden-magna aforeſaid for Bowden-Men's own Sheep.

And the ſaid Complainants likewiſe ſhewed that they, and every other of the Inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid, dwelling in any of the ſaid ancient Cottages being Tradeſmen had, time out of mind, kept in the ſeveral fields of Bowden-magna aforeſaid upon broken Graſs there *Two Horſes, Mares or Geldings* (*viz*) One Hackney-horſe and one Pack-horſe, and that the reſt of the Cottagers dwelling in any of the ſaid ancient Cottages aforeſaid, in Harborough aforeſaid, had one Horſe, Mare or Gelding only as belonging to the ſaid ancient Cottages; and that the ſaid ancient Cottagers had, time out of mind, uſed to tie their ſaid Horſes which they uſed ſo to keep upon any Scythe-Graſs or Broken-Graſs within the fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid, from the time that the ſaid Graſs was ſo eaten or mown until Open-tide, and at Open-tide then as well their Horſes, as alſo their Kine and Sheep did go all over the ſaid ſeveral fields, as Great-Bowden own Men's Horſes, Kine, and Sheep did go.

And that the ſaid Complainants, and the reſt of the ſaid Inhabitants of Market-Harborough aforeſaid, dwelling in the ſaid Three-ſcore and twelve ancient Cottages had alſo time out of mind uſed to keep their *Herd of Swine* within the fields of Bowden-magna aforeſaid in and along a certain High-way called Leiceſter High-way, and in other Waſte-places uſed for that purpoſe, and that in Eddiſh-time when Corn was inned, their Herd's-men had time out of mind uſed to keep their ſaid Herd of Swine upon the Stubbles, (*that is to ſay*) The White-Corn Stubbles and Peaſe-Stubbles as Bowden-Men's own Swine did go.

And alſo that they, the ſaid Owners and Tenants of the ſaid ancient Cottages had, time out mind, had

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Three-ſcore and twelve Acre-hades, which were anciently uſed for Horſe-Paſtures to tie their Horſes and Kine and in the ſame two Fields abovementioned in the begining of the year.

And the ſaid Complainants further ſhewed, that the ſaid Defendants being all of them Free-holders of divers Yard-lands in the fields of Bowden-magna aforeſaid, and divers others of the Free-holders and Inhabitants of Bowden-magna being ſeverally ſieſed in their Demeſne as of Fee of, and in ſeveral parcels of land lying in the ſaid fields of Bowden-magna aforeſaid, where the ſaid Complainants, and the reſt of the Inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid, had time out of mind uſed to have ſuch Common for their Kine, Sheep, and Horſes, as aforeſaid, had of late reſtrained the ſaid Complainants and the reſt of the Inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid of divers parts of their ſaid Commons, and had denied that they had any Common of Paſture for their Kine, Horſes or other Cattle in, or upon the ſaid Acre-hades, or in the other places before-mentioned; and that within two or three years then laſt paſt, they, the ſaid Defendants, had commenced actions at the common Law againſt ſome of the ſaid Inhabitants of Harborough inhabiting in ſome of the ſaid ancient Cottages, for uſing their ſaid Commons; but before the ſame could be brought to any Trial they had procured a Reference to Arbitrators, and ſo ſtayed the ſaid Suit at Common Law, ſuffering the ſaid Complainants and the reſt of the ſaid Inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid inhabiting in the ſaid ancient Cottages ſtill to enjoy their ſaid Commons; leav-their ſaid Action to be a Claim or Teſtimony upon Record of the diſtreſs of the ſaid Common; and had given out that when two or three of the Complainants' Witneſſes which could prove the Right of Com-

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mon of the ſaid Complainants and the reſt of the Inhabitants of Market-Harborough aforeſaid were dead, then they would commence ſome Actions for the ſaid Common; and did ſtill threaten them with Suits at Law, if the ſaid Complainants do put any of their Kine, Horſes, Sheep, or Hogs upon any Commonable places aforeſaid, which would turn to the great Prejudice of the ſaid Complainants, and the reſt of the Inhabitants of Market-Harborough aforeſaid inhabiting in the ancient Cottages aforeſaid, and to the depriving them of their ſaid Common contrary to their ſaid ancient Cuſtom, and contrary to Equity and good Conſcience. In conſideration whereof, and for that the Witneſſes to prove the ſaid Cuſtoms of Commoning were very aged, and unlike to live, and not able to travel; and that if they ſhould die before they ſhould be examined, the ſaid Complainants, and the reſt of the ſaid Inhabitants dwelling in the ſaid ancient Cottages of Market-Harborough aforeſaid would be in danger to loſe all their ſaid Commons, which they have enjoyed time out of mind as aforeſaid, The Complainants humbly prayed the Aid of This Honorable Court, and that Proceſs of Subpœna might be awarded againſt the ſaid Defendants to appear and anſwer the premiſes, and to ſhew cauſe why a Commiſſion ſhould not be awarded to examine the ſaid Complainants' witneſſes *in perpetuam rei memoriam*, which proceſs being granted, and the ſaid Defendants therewith ſerved, they accordingly appeared, and made their Joint and ſeveral Anſwers to the ſaid Complainants' Bill; and thereby ſaid, that the ſaid Town of Market-Harboro' was an ancient market-town and was a great Thorough-fair and conſiſted moſt of Inns, and Tradesmen; and was ſituate or adjoining to the Fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid and had no fields properly belonging to itſelf; and they denied that to their Knowledge there are or

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were any ancient Cottages in Market-Harborough unto which any Common was, or did appertain to be had or taken within the Fields, Territories, and Precincts of Great-Bowden aforeſaid; but they believed that the Inhabitants of the ſaid Town of Market-Harborough had and have Right of Common in Great-Bowden aforeſaid for Three-ſcore and twelve Kine and a Bull in certain places, and at certain times within the ſaid fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid but not as belonging to the ſaid Cottages; nor at ſuch times and at ſuch places and manner as by the ſaid Complainants was pretended; for they ſaid they were informed, and doubted not to prove, as well by divers ancient Records, as otherwiſe, that the fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid anciently were divided into, or did contain Eighteen Carnucates of Land, every Carnucate containing four Yard-land, and that unto every Carnucate of Land belonged a Common of Paſture for four and twenty Cows, and one hundred Sheep; and alſo Common for Horſes that ſhould be uſed and employed upon or about the ploughing, dreſſing, and manuring of the ſaid Land, which Stint and Proportion of Common, for Kine and Sheep, was and is the very Stint and Proportion there kept at this Day; and they alſo ſaid, that the ſaid Inhabitants of Harborough had amongſt them, and were ſeiſed of three Carnucates, and the Commons thereunto belonging, † and kept Teams and occupied and en-

† Here were divers Lands in this Pariſh (of *Harborough*) and *Great-Bowden*, the adjoining Pariſh, which before the diſſolution of the Monaſteries, belonged to a Chauntry in the ſaid Great-Bowden; but being ſeiſed into the King's Hands, when the Monaſteries were ſuppreſſed, with other Lands in the ſaid Pariſhes, which belonged to a Chauntry at *Boughton* in *Northamptonſhire*, which were likewiſe ſeiſed by King *Henry* VIII. King *Edward* VI. exchanged them with Sir *Robert Stirley* and *Frideſwide* his Wife, for other Lands in *Lincoln* and *Nottinghamſhires*. *Magna Britannia*. 4to. *p.* 1340.

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joyed the ſaid Lands with their Houſes in Harborough aforeſaid; and that the ſaid three Carnucates of Land or the greateſt part thereof were at ſeveral times ſold, or diſpoſed by the Owners thereof unto ſeveral perſons inhabiting in Great-Bowden aforeſaid, and that the moſt of thoſe Lands were and are known by the Name of Harborough-Lands, and by ſuch additions and other Names, whereby it was evident that it did formerly belong to certain Inns or Houſes in Harborough (*viz.*) The Bull-Land, the Hart-Land, the King's-head-Land, the Lion-Land and the like, which are ancient Meſſuages, and notorious Inns in Harborough aforeſaid, and then no Cottages; and they alſo ſaid, that moſt of the ſaid three Carnucates being in poſſeſſion of the Inhabitants of Great-Bowden the Owners of all, or a great part thereof, did not, nor were permitted to depaſture or common any Cows in reſpect of the ſaid Harborough Lands within the fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid; and that upon the Sale of the ſaid Carnucates of Land or alienating of the ſaid three Carnucates of Harborough Land unto the Inhabitants of Great-Bowden, there was reſerved unto the Inhabitants of Harborough, as well the ſaid Acrehades at this time enjoyed by the Inhabitants of Harborough being in number three-ſcore and twelve, as alſo the ſaid Common for Cows, Sheep, and a Bull, and that the ſaid Common for three-ſcore and twelve Kine and a Bull, and three hundred Sheep were formerly the Stint and Proportion of three Carnucates of Land, and at this day they uſed and had been ſo uſed by the Inhabitants of Great-Bowden for their own Carnucates proportionably (the Bull-Common only excepted, which had been altered of latter years by divers Agreements and Orders made amongſt themſelves) and the ſaid Defendants did confeſs, that the ſaid Inhabitants of Harborough were and are to have Common

of Paſture in the Fields of Great-Bowden for three-ſcore and twelve Kine and a Bull, and for the Number of Sheep (except in the Eaſt-Field of Great-Bowden) in the ſaid Complainants' Bill is mentioned, where the Herd's-men could come in after Rake and Stake, and the Hay carried away or the Graſs eaten; but not as belonging to the ſaid Cottages nor upon any known Several-Ground; and the ſaid Defendants confeſſed that anciently the Inhabitants of Harborough who were Owners and Occupiers of the ſaid Carnucates of Land, and for the Tilling and Huſbanding thereof keep and common with their Cattle in Great-Bowden Fields as other the Tenants and Occupiers of any other Lands then did, and now do; and that the Inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid now holding and occupying any Arable Land in Bowden-field called Harborough-land, have and may lawfully common with their Horſes according to the Stint and Proportion with the ſaid Defendants and other Tenants of Land in all the Fields of Great-Bowden, excepting the Eaſt-Field; but they denied that any Commons for Horſes, Mares or Geldings, do belong to the ſaid ancient Cottages, affirming it to be moſt unreaſonable and unconſcionable that any ſuch Cuſtom ſhould be allowed for divers Reaſons in the ſaid Anſwer at large expreſſed.

And the ſaid Defendants did alſo confeſs that the ſaid Complainants, and divers others of the Inhabitants of Harborough aforeſaid, occupying no Land in Great-Bowden-field, had oftentimes theretofore at Open-tide, when Harveſt was in, uſually turned their Cattle looſe into the Fields of Great-Bowden, but when the Overſeers of the fields had Knowledge thereof, they have impounded their Horſes and made the Owners to give Satifaction for the Treſpaſs; and that

the ſaid Complainants, and others the ſaid Inhabitants of the ſaid pretended Cottages in Harborough, have at ſundry Courts holden for the ſaid Manor of Great-Bowden been preſented and amerced, and have paid their Amerciaments for oppreſſing the Common with their Horſes.

And the ſaid Defendants further ſaid, that the ſaid Complainants, and others the pretended Cottagers aforeſaid, and their Anceſtors, have time out of mind kept a Herd of Swine for their Houſhold Proviſion only, within the Fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid upon Leiceſter-Highway and other places there for that purpoſe, but not upon the Stubbles within the Fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid, or any otherwiſe than by Uſurpation and Intruſion.

And they alſo denied that the ſaid Acre-hades in the ſaid Bill mentioned did belong unto the ſaid pretended ancient Cottages, or that by Reaſon of the ſaid Hades there did belong any Common for Horſes unto the ſaid Complainants, and the ſaid pretended Cottagers in the ſaid Fields of Great-Bowden as in and by the Anſwer of the ſaid Defendants more fully, and at large it doth, and may appear.

Unto which ſaid Anſwers the ſaid Complainants having reply'd, and the cauſe being at a full and perfect Iſſue, All the ſaid Parties, as well Complainants as Defendants, did by their mutual Aſſent mutually conſent and agree that a Commiſſion forth out of this Honorable Court ſhould be awarded and directed to Sir Arthur Haſelrigge, Baronet; Roger Smith, Eſq; William Halford, Eſq; Everard Goodman, Eſq; and Richard Halford, Eſq; authorizing them thereby to call all the ſaid parties before them, and upon Oath to examine all ſuch Witneſſes as ſhould be produced,

and

and alſo upon conſideration of the examination of ſuch Witneſſes, and of all other matters which ſhould be on either part produced before them, to hear and finally to end and determine all and every the Differences concerning the Premiſes, and to certify their Orders, and Award unto this Honorable Court; and a Commiſſion having iſſued according to the Conſent of all the ſaid Parties directed unto the Commiſſioners before-named, and they having in purſuance thereof debately and maturely weighed, examined, and conſidered the Matters and Differences to them referred; they the ſaid Commiſſioners did make their Certificate, Award, and Arbitrament concerning the Premiſes, and did certify and return the ſame, together with the ſaid Commiſſion unto this Honorable Court, under their Hands and Seals in Form and Manner following.

'AN Arbitrament and award made the two and 'twentieth day of September, in the thirteenth 'Year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King 'CHARLES of England, &c. by us Sir Arthur Haſel-'rigge, Baronet, Roger Smith, William Halford, E-'verard Goodman, Richard Halford, Eſquires, Exa-'minants, as well by Force and Virtue of His Maje-'ſty's Writ and Commiſſion out of His Majeſty's High 'Court of Chancery to us directed, and hereunto an-'nexed; as alſo by the Aſſent and Conſent of all and 'every of the Parties therein and herein mentioned, 'as well for themſelves, as for and on the behalf of 'all and every the Inhabitants, Tenants, and Free-'holders of Market-Harborough and Great-Bowden 'in the County of Leiceſter.

'WHereas there are divers Debates 'and Controverſies hanging and depending

'ing in His Majeſty's High Court of Chancery be-
'twixt John Parſons of Market-Harborough in the
'ſaid County of Leiceſter, Glover, and Everard
'Green of the ſame Town and County, Complainants
'in the Behalf of themſelves, and all the reſt of the Te-
'nants and Inhabitants of any ancient Cottage in
'Market-Harborough aforeſaid, and John Johnſon,
'Auguſtine Fiſh, and William Hollioke of Great-
'Bowden aforeſaid in the ſaid County of Leiceſter,
'Yeomen, Defendants; and whereas His Majeſty's
'ſaid Writ and Commiſſion bearing date the fifth
'day of July in the ſaid thirteenth year of His ſaid
'Majeſty's reign of England, &c. and out of His ſaid
'Majeſty's Court of Chancery, and hereunto annex-
'ed, hath been by the mutual Aſſent and Conſent
'of all the ſaid Parties directed unto Us for the End-
'ing and Determining all the ſaid Controverſies if
'we could; and whereas accordingly we have heard
'the ſaid Parties, and their Allegations, and Wit-
'neſſes on both Sides; and whereas it doth appear
'unto us, as well by the Confeſſion and Acknow-
'ledgments of the ſaid Defendants as by other Te-
'ſtimonies, that there are *Three-ſcore and twelve ancient*
'*Cottages*, or *Tenements*, within the ſaid Town of Mar-
'ket-Harborough hereafter particularly mentioned,
'and that the ſaid Cottages and Tenements have time
'out of mind uſed to have Common of Paſture for *Three-*
'*ſcore and twelve Kine and a Bull*, and *eighteen-ſcore Sheep*
'as to them belonging within the Fields of Great-Bow-
'den aforeſaid, according as in the Bill of Complaints
'now depending between the ſaid Parties in the ſaid
'Court of Chancery is ſet forth and declared.

'WE do therefore, by the like mutual Aſſent and
'Conſent of all the ſaid Parties, for and on the Behalf of
'all the reſt of the Inhabitants of both the ſaid Towns

'of Market-Harborough and Great-Bowden, hereby 'arbitrate, award, and determine, that all and every 'the ſaid Owner, and Owners, their Heirs, and Aſ-'ſigns, Farmers and Under-Tenants of all and every 'the ſaid Cottages and Tenements in Market-Har-'borough aforeſaid, wherein the Perſons particularly 'herein mentioned (*viz.*) Mr. Rowland Walker, 'Edward Dunmore, Henry Bolte, William An-'drews, Thomas Aſton, William Potterton, Tho-'mas Martine, Henry Simcocke, William Smith, 'Robert Wilſhire, Thomas Wilſhire, Edward Green, 'Zachariah Wade, Katharine Furnaſs, Richard Ed-'wards, Gregory Reynolds, Gilbert Pickering, Ed-'ward Wood, Margery Cooper, Chriſtopher Dun-'ning, Peter Holt, Edward German, Robert Fer-'bank, William Baſs, Edward Auſtine, George 'Potterton, Thomas Sprigg, John Frauncis, Ed-'ward Merrill, Miles Coleman, Thomas Heycock, 'Richard Smith, William Marſhall, Anne Griggs, 'Jonas Barnes, Maſter John Norwich his Cottage, 'late in Peter Holt's tenure; Henry Launder, Fran-'cis Vincent, John Parſons, Mark Freeman, John 'Shutor, Joan Pullen, Emme Wetts, William Watts, 'William Wright, Thomas Dunmore, Richard 'Harper, Henry Broome, Thomas Clarke, Nicho-'las Curtis, Miles Harper, Job Granborowe, Ro-'hert Buttrice, Leonard Hitchcock, Mr. William 'Cox, William Parker, John Harper, Widow Wells, 'Peter Spence, William Lambert, Samuel Marſton, 'Thomas Buſton, John Worth, Widow Wadſworth, 'Widow Iliffe, Richard Dunmore, Widow Noell, 'George Walker, Widow Moſſendine, Laurence 'Carter, William Turner, and Thomas Rigdale, do 'now, or did lately dwell, ſhall for ever hereafter 'have, hold, and enjoy Common of Paſture for *One* '*Cow*, and *Five Sheep*, within the Fields of Great-

'Bowden

'Bowden aforeſaid as anciently belonging to the ſaid 'ſeveral Cottages or Tenements, in ſuch manner and 'form, and at ſuch times, and in ſuch places as is 'particularly ſet forth and claimed in and by the ſaid 'Bill of Complaints by the ſaid Complainants, now 'hanging and depending in the ſaid Court of Chancery, 'the ſaid Inhabitants of Market-Harborough afore-'ſaid paying unto ſuch of the Inhabitants of, and 'Free-holders of Great-Bowden aforeſaid, as have 'ſome ſmall Parcels of Ground within the ſaid Pla-'ces wherein the ſaid Inhabitants of Market-Harbo-'rough uſed to have their Cow-Paſture, ſuch reaſon-'able yearly Rent, or Sum of Money, as the ſaid 'Parcels are reaſonably worth.

'WE do further by the Force and Virtue of 'the Authority aforeſaid, and by the like Aſſent and 'Conſent as aforeſaid, hereby arbitrate, award, and 'determine, that all and every the Perſons particu-'larly hereafter named their Heirs and Aſſigns, Far-'mers and Tenants, (*viz.*) the ſaid Rowland Walk-'er, Edward Dunmore, Henry Bolte, William An-'drews, Thomas Atterton, William Potterton, Tho-'mas Martine, Henry Simcock, William Smith, Ro-'bert Wilſhire, Thomas Wilſhire, Edward Green, 'Zachary Wade, Katherine Furnaſs, Richard Ed-'wards, Gregory Reynolds, Gilbert Pickering, Ed-'ward Wood, Margery Cooper, Chriſtopher Dun-'ning, Peter Holt, Edward German, Robert Fer-'bank, William Baſs, Edward Auſtine, John Fraun-'cis, Thomas Heycock, Richard Smith, Thomas 'Sprigg, Edward Merrill, William Marſhall, Anne 'Griggs, Jonas Barnes, Francis Vincent, John Par-'ſons, Mark Freeman, John Shutor, Joan Pullen, 'Thomas Dunmore, Henry Broome, Thomas Clark, 'Nicholas Curtis, Miles Harper, Job Granborough,

, Robert

'Robert Buttrice, Leonard Hitchcock, Mr. William Cox, William Parker, John Harper, Widow Wells, Peter Spence, William Lambert, Samuel Marſton, Thomas Buſton, John Worth, Widow Wadſworth, Widow Iliffe, Widow Noell, Widow Moſſendine, and Thomas Rigdale, ſhall for ever hereafter have, hold, and enjoy *Common of Paſture for one Mare or Gelding*, as belonging to every of the Cottages or Tenements wherein the ſaid Perſons do now, or did lately dwell, within the Town-Fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid called South-Field and Gallow-Field, and other uſual Places (*viz.*) to tie their ſaid Horſes, which they have uſed to keep upon the Moor by St. Mary's Church, after the Hay thereof is gone, and upon their own Ground until Open-tide; then all their ſaid Horſes to go over the ſaid two ſeveral Fields as Great-Bowden Men's own Horſes uſed to go, without letting, granting, or demiſing the ſaid Horſe-Paſtures, or any of them to any Perſon, or Perſons whatſoever, from any of the ſaid Cottages reſpectively.

'And alſo, that all and every of the ſaid Owner and Owners of all and every of the ſaid Three-ſcore and twelve Cottages or Tenements, their Heirs and Aſſigns, Farmers, and Tenants, ſhall for ever hereafter have, hold, and enjoy the *Three-ſcore and twelve Acre-Hades* in the ſaid Bill mentioned, lying and being in the ſaid two Fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid, as anciently belonging to the ſaid ſeveral Cottages, or Tenements, and which now are, and anciently have been uſed to tie their Horſes and Kine upon, in ſuch Manner and Form as in the ſaid Bill is ſet forth.

'And

'And alſo that all and every of the ſaid Owner 'and Owners of all and every the ſaid Three-ſcore 'and twelve Cottages or Tenements, their Heirs, 'and Aſſigns, Farmers and Tenants, ſhall for ever 'hereafter have and keep their *Herd of Swine (viz.)* '*Four Swine for every of the ſaid Cottages* within the 'ſaid Fields of Great-Bowden aforeſaid, and other 'Places, according as anciently they have done, in 'ſuch Manner and Form as in the ſaid Bill is ſet 'forth, in Lieu of all Claim for *Swine* whatſoever. 'In Witneſs whereof, We the Commiſſioners above 'named hereunto have put our Hands and Seals the 'Day and Year above-written.

'*Arthur Haſelrigge*	L. S.
'*Roger Smith*	L. S.
'*William Halford*	L. S.
'*Richard Halford*	L. S.
'*Everard Goodman*	L. S.

As by the ſaid Bill, Anſwer, Replication, and Award, remaining upon Record in this Honorable Court more fully and at large it doth and may appear.

Afterwards the ſaid Parties, did mutually conſent and agree that the ſaid Certificate, Arbitrament, and Award of the ſaid Sir Arthur Haſelrigge, Baronet, Roger Smith, William Halford, Everard Goodman, and Richard Halford, Eſquires, made and returned into this Court as aforeſaid, ſhould be ratified and confirmed by the Decree of this Honorable Court, as by their ſaid Aſſent remaining upon the File with the Regiſter of this Court more fully and at large it doth and mayappear.

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It is therefore, this preſent Term of St. Michael (that is to ſay) on Monday the Twentieth Day of November, in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord CHARLES by the Grace of GOD, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. by the Right Honorable Thomas Lord Coventry, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of England, and by the Authority of the High Court of Chancery aforeſaid, ordered, adjudged, and decreed, that the aforeſaid Certificate, Arbitrament, and Award, according to the Aſſent of the ſaid Parties before-mentioned, be ratified and confirmed; and that the ſame be performed by all the ſaid Parties, Complainants and Defendants, and by all others whomſoever it doth concern, to all Intents and Purpoſes, according to the true Intent and Meaning of the Certificate, Arbitrament, and Award before recited.

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